



# State Convention To Meet November 12-14

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The 139th significant session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be held Nov. 12-14 in the capital city's historic First Baptist Church where it has met annually since 1942.

Messengers from many of the 1889 churches in the convention, from every county in the state, are expected to be present for the 1974 session.

Convention highlights will include the consideration of a record high Cooperative Program budget of \$6,800,000 for 1975, a recommendation from the Convention Board "to proceed immediately with the construction of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly," a recommendation from the Board to enlarge its Executive Committee from nine to 15 members, as well as a Board recommendation to continue for another year the study concerning the possibility of establishing a Senior Citizens Home at Camp Kitiwake.

The proposed \$6,800,000 Cooperative Program budget is part of a total mission outlay of \$8,850,000 for 1975, which would include \$1,400,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, \$800,000 for the Annie Armstrong offering and \$250,000 for the State Missions offering.

Two important related meetings will be held on Monday prior to the Convention opening Tuesday morning.

The Convention Board will meet during the afternoon at the Baptist Building, with Dr. Harold Bryson, Carthage, president, presiding, and the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference will be held at Parkway Baptist Church, with Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada, as the final speaker that evening.

At 5:30 p.m. the annual Brotherhood banquet will be held in Fellowship Hall at Parkway Church with Grady Nutt, of Louisville, Ky., as the entertainer. Rev. E. L. Howell, Jackson, director of the Brotherhood Department of the Convention Board, will preside.

Dr. David Grant, of Jackson, president, is expected to be in the chair when the convention opens Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in Jackson's First Baptist Church.

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## Mississippi Baptist Convention

November 12-14 - First Baptist Church, Jackson

**OFFICERS**  
President ..... David Grant  
First Vice President ..... James Richardson  
Second Vice President ..... Harold T. Bryson  
Recording Secretary ..... Horace Kerr  
Associate Recording Secretary ..... Claude Anthony

### ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

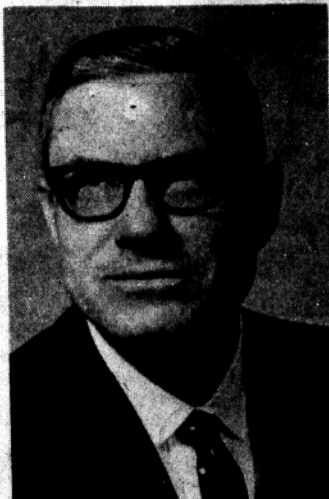
Oliver C. Laddner, Chairman, Magee  
Harold Kitchings, Kosciusko  
Benton Preston, Jackson  
Bob Ramsay, Tupelo

Organist: Mrs. Bobbie Smith  
Assistant Organist: Mrs. Josephine Bryan  
Pianist: Mrs. Diane Smith  
Music Coordinator: Dan C. Hall

### SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS

**TUESDAY MORNING**  
9:00 Instrumental Inspiration ..... Alvon Doty, Songleader  
9:15 Call to Fellowship ..... Accompanists

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Dr. David Grant  
President



Dr. Robert L. Hamblin  
Convention Sermon

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## Foreign Board And Seminary Leaders Explore Missions

RICHMOND (BP)—Twenty-two theological educators from all six Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) seminaries and the administration of the SBC Foreign Mission Board focused, in an historic meeting here, on their mutual responsibilities for worldwide dissemination of the Christian gospel.

The dialogue, hosted by the board, represented the first such meeting of the two groups in the 129-year history of both the SBC and the board. It grew out of a long-standing recognition of interdependence between the two groups, a board spokesman said.

The Foreign Mission Board's desire for input toward the development of new approaches for the remaining 25 years of the century was the particular challenge at the meeting, according to Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the board's mission support division.

"Few people in Southern Baptist life have more involvement with the missionary task than you," Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, told the seminary presidents, deans and professors of missions in his welcoming statement. "All doors are open. The closets are open. Let's

representatives deans from each institution and all the professors of missions.

Fletcher, who coordinated the historic meeting, said discussions on the nature and manifestations of God's call to missionary service, the challenge of preparing potential missionaries through seminary education, strategic problems facing the Foreign Mission Board the next 25 years and continuing education of the missionary dominated the two-day event.

"There was a remarkably open and frank discussion on all points," Fletcher said. "The diversities without our ranks were evident, but they served only to enhance the basic unity which undergirds the whole group."

Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division, led the board's sev-

en administrative area secretaries in briefing the seminary professors on the overseas situation.

"We want you to have a behind-the-scenes look at the task as we are now attempting it with 2,579 missionaries in 81 counties," Crawley stated.

Robert Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., opened the discussion of the seminary's role in preparing missionaries. "We can do a better job," he said, "but we need your help and commitment to our role in the missionary task."

In an evening discussion dealing with future directions of both the seminaries and the foreign missions task, McCall and Cauthen shared their own

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Dr. Earl Kelly  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer



Rev. Oliver Laddner  
Order Of Business

## Worker With Deaf Talk Similar Post In South Carolina

Rev. Jerry St. John, associate in the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board since 1963, has resigned, effective Jan. 7, 1975, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the board.

Mr. St. John, who has also been the deaf in Mississippi for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, on Jan. 7 will become missionary to the deaf and other language groups for the Home Mission Board in the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

A native of Bastrop, Louisiana, he attended the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, received his B. A. degree from Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and B. D. and Th.M. degrees from

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## SBC Cooperative Gifts Show Gain

NASHVILLE (BP)—National Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget receipts for October—the first month in the 1974-75 fiscal year—exceeded the October 1973, total by more than \$240,000.

The National Cooperative Program receipts, funneled by Southern Baptist churches through 33 state Baptist conventions covering 50 states, totaled \$3,132,304 for this October, according to figures released by John H. Williams, director of financial planning and assistant to the executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee.

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## 'PraiSing 75' To Premiere New Hymnal Mar. 10-13, '75

NASHVILLE (BP)—Performers from the Singing Speer Family to the Nashville Symphony Orchestra will bridge the music gap when they appear before 10,000 Southern Baptists at "PraiSing 75," the premiere here of the new "Baptist Hymnal," March 10-13, 1975.

Grand Old Opry buffs and New York City Opera enthusiasts both will hear music to suit their fancies at the four-night and three-day meeting in Music City, U. S. A.

The program also includes choirs and ensembles from 15 colleges and universities.

WILLIAM WALLER, president of the Singing groups of ministers of music will come from 12-state Baptist conventions.

PraiSing 75 opens Monday night, March 10, featuring George Beverly Shea, soloist for the Billy Graham crusade team, and Robert Hale and Dean Wilder, concert artists from New York.

"This We Believe," a commissioned choral work by Cecil Effinger, will be performed Tuesday night by a massed chorus of college and seminary choirs, accompanied by the Nashville Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Thor Johnson. Effinger is on the faculty of the University of Colorado, Boulder.

The choral work is based on Scriptures selected from the Baptist Faith and Message statement by Herschel H. Hobbs, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Wednesday night will spotlight the famous Nashville country music sound. Singer Jeannie C. Riley will join Grand Old Opry stars Connie Smith and Jerry Clower, Myrtle Hall,

soloist for the Billy Graham team, and Cynthia Clawson, noted contemporary Christian soloist from Dallas.

The Singing Speer Family, recipients of the 1974 Dove Award from the Gospel Music Association for the best gospel group, will be there, along with the Jake Hess Sound, an ensemble from Nashville. Yazoo City, Miss., comedian Clower will be the master of ceremonies.

On Thursday night, in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium, where all four evening sessions will be held, the 1975 edition of "Baptist Hymnal"

receive a special edition of the new hymnal. The Centurymen, national Southern Baptist group made up of 100 ministers of music, and all of the state ministers of music groups will appear on the program.

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## Mississippi Baptist Men

## Foreign Mission Prayer Breakfast Nov. 30



Rev. Sam Pittman



Dr. Samuel DeBord

Mississippi Gov. William Waller will join the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in sponsoring a foreign mission prayer breakfast Nov. 30 for Mississippi Baptist Men.

Gov. Waller is a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson. "This is the first time for such a foreign missions effort in Mississippi," said Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, "and we are expecting 1,200 men to be in attendance."

The breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. in the Olympic Room of the Hotel Heidelberg in Jackson.

Five Foreign Mission Board personalities will be in attendance at the breakfast, three of them field personnel. These will include Rev. Charles A. Tope, evangelist in Kenya; Rev. L. Wayne Frederick, a pastor in the French West Indies; and Rev. Lewis I. Myers Jr., an evangelistic worker in Vietnam.

Each of these men has a Mississippi background. Myers was born in Chalbeatte and grew up in Skene. He is a graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton. Mrs. Myers, the former Toni Alexander, is from Boyle, Miss., and is also a graduate of Mississippi College.

Before his Foreign Mission Board appointment Myers was pastor of Calvary Baptist Mission in Ruleville, Miss., and

the Friendship Baptist Church in Tutwiler, Miss.

Frederick is a native of Shallop, Miss., and received the associate of arts degree from Itawamba Junior College in Fulton, Miss. He also is a graduate of Mississippi College and was pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Laurel, Miss., when he received his missions appointment. Earlier he had been pastor of churches in Guntown, Crosby, Magnolia, Sherman, Pontotoc, and Nettleton, Miss.



Rev. Charles Tope



Rev. Wayne Frederick



Rev. Lewis Myers

In 1969 Tope returned to the States because of a family health problem and was pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Miss., for about a year before reappointment.

Foreign Mission Board staff members to be present are Dr. Samuel DeBord, secretary of the department of promotion and foreign ministries, and Rev. Sam Pittman, associate secretary of that department.

The breakfast was timed to accentuate the 1974 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in the Southern Baptist Convention Dec. 1-8 and the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. Dr. Kelly declared. The nationwide goal for the offer-

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## Stevens Predicts Baptist-Owned Satellite By 1984

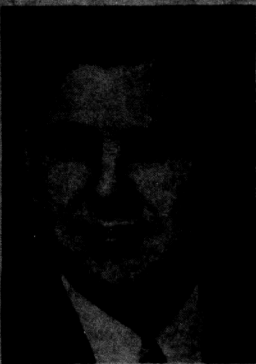
By Bonita Sparrow  
FORT WORTH (BP)—Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission, said here that 1984, in spite of George Orwell's dire predictions, could prove happy for Baptists.

In his address to the commission's board of trustees in Fort Worth, Stevens "dreamed aloud" that "in 10 years there will be a Baptist-owned satellite in the sky that will make it possible for every home in America, and in the world, to hear the Christian gospel."

He said that, hopefully, the Radio and Television Commission, the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the Sunday School Board will jointly own the satellite.

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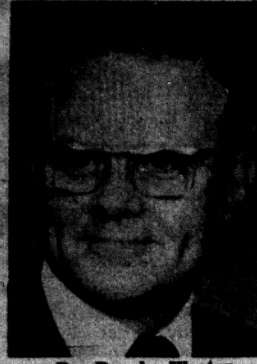
## Panels Moderators For State Work



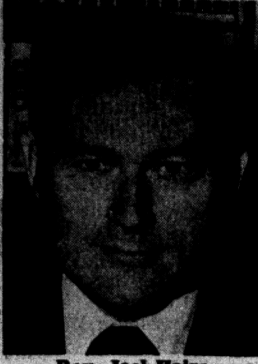
Rev. Bill Duncan



Rev. Frank Gunn



Dr. Brooks Wester



Rev. Joel Haire

## Bible Study Leaders



Rev. James Yates



Dr. Phillips McCarty



Dr. John Traylor



Dr. Raymond Lloyd



Rev. Barry Landrum



Rev. Hardy Denham

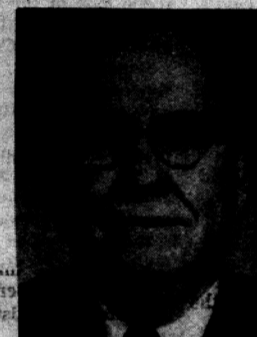
## Lay Music Directors



Dr. John Legg



Dallas Rayburn



Alvon Doty



Kenneth Perry

State  
Convention  
PersonalitiesDan C. Hall  
Music CoordinatorLeaders  
Explore  
Missions

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thoughts with the group about the next 25 years. McCall dealt with trends in seminary education, as well as particular challenges, while Cauthen dealt with world developments which will encroach upon Southern Baptist witness in the years ahead.

Harold Graves, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., suggested a continuation of the dialogue involving the full faculties of the six seminaries.

In a letter following the meeting, L. Jack Gray, professor of missions at Southwestern Seminary, wrote, "The dialogue sessions were magnificent in spirit, basic in content and will be historic for the future of Baptist world missions. As the sessions unfolded I marveled that our freedom so increased. Each session was blessed with a cumulative trust. Human camaraderie gave way to brotherly love. By the time we came to those closing moments of prayer, I found myself worshipping our Lord in the midst of sheer business discussions."

PraiSing '75  
To Premiere  
New Hymnal

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The Nashville Symphony Orchestra will perform special commissioned improvisations that night of "Amazing Grace," "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship," "How Firm a Foundation" and "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus."

An all night singing will begin Wednesday at noon in Van Ness Auditorium at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Sixty choir groups will be scheduled over a 30 hour period to sing selected hymns until late Thursday afternoon.

By the time of the final session on Thursday evening, every note and every word of every stanza of every hymn will have been sung and all the Scripture selections will have been read.

Simultaneous music programs will be going on during the day at five locations. These will feature college and seminary choirs, instrumental ensembles, organ recitals, solo artists,

Newsbriefs In The  
World Of Religion

MACON, Ga. — The Presbyterian Church in America, organized in December 1973, has voted to engage in cooperative mission work with other agencies such as Wycliffe Bible Translators and Overseas Missionary Fellowship. The new church organization has missionaries in Mexico, Brazil, Liberia, and France and is doing cooperative work in Taiwan, Zaire, Jamaica, Pakistan, and Bangladesh.

NEW YORK — Catholic Relief Services are flying 30 tons of seeds to a drought-stricken area of Chad in west central Africa to head off starvation brought on by lack of rain for the past six years. Up to 80 per cent of the cattle has died.

VATICAN CITY — Muslim and Roman Catholic leaders have pledged themselves to continue "greater collaboration" on problems of mutual religious interest in talks focusing on "the religious situation of the young in the Christian and Muslim world" and "the influence of religious faith on social life."

MEXICO CITY — The Mexican government has spent more than \$83 million in government funds over the past two years for repairs and restoration of 261 Roman Catholic churches. Under Mexican law, churches and church property belong to the government.

ATLANTA — In spite of inflation the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) plans to authorize 60 missionary appointments in 1975 to maintain its total overseas force at 400.

EDINBURGH — The national Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) has called on its members for a new national spirit of repentance, self-denial and reconciliation in the face of Britain's present economic difficulties.

DETROIT — Robert J. Marshall, president of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) declared in a speech at the general convention of the 2.5 million member American Lutheran Church (ALC) that representatives of the two bodies would probably meet together in 1975 to discuss organic union.

youth choirs and a sacred harp singing.

The church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is sponsoring "PraiSing '75."

NEW YORK — Catholic Relief Services, the overseas agency of the U.S. Catholic Conference, has reported sending a total of 3,750 tons of relief supplies to aid hurricane victims in Honduras at a value of \$1.75 million.

LOMA LINDA, Calif. — Seventh Day Adventist total membership is now reported at more than 2.4 million, an increase of 139,974 in the past year. That group has approved the shipment of a 200-bed portable hospital to the earthquake victims of Peru.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Link, published by the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel with a current circulation of 25,000, will be merged Jan. 1 with Alive Now!, a two-year-old bimonthly magazine published by the Upper Room, which has 35,000 subscribers.

NEW YORK — Mutual recognition of members in projected as an issue likely to be considered by this year's meeting of the Consultation of Church Union. Denominations involved are African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), Episcopal, United Church of Christ, Methodist United Church, and United Presbyterian.

## SBC Cooperative

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That total represents a 15.66 per cent — or \$424,216 — increase over the previous October and amounts to approximately one third of total Cooperative Program receipts received by state conventions. The remaining two-thirds goes to state convention supported missions ministries.

Designated giving to causes of the SBC, the nation's largest Protestant evangelical denomination, showed a dramatic 67.42 per cent increase over the same month in 1973, rising \$162,965 from the \$241,719 given last October to \$404,684 given this October.

Total national Cooperative Program receipts increased 19.91 per cent over last October, rising from \$2,940,807 to \$3,536,983. That represents a \$597,181 increase.

## 139th Session Of The Mississippi Baptist Convention

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Musical Thought: "Let's Just Praise the Lord"  
Scripture Quotations: J. Millard Puri, S. A. Adkins, Franklin Haire, Dan C. Hall

9:30 Convention Call to Order ..... David Grant  
9:30 Bible Treasures "The Living Church Founded" ..... Raymond Lloyd  
9:55 Organization of the Convention  
Recognition and Seating of Messengers ..... Horace Kerr  
Report of Committee on Order of Business ..... Oliver C. Ladner  
Welcome to Jackson ..... Franklin D. Pollard  
10:15 Moments of Inspiration  
"Joyful Sounds" ..... Vocal Ensemble  
Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson  
10:25 President's Address ..... David Grant  
10:50 Congregational Singing ..... Alvon Doty  
10:55 Introduction of New Workers  
Pastors ..... Earl Kelly  
Staff Members .....  
Directors of Student Work .....  
Superintendents of Missions .....  
Recognition of Southern Baptist Chaplains .....  
11:15 Together We Worship  
Choral Message ..... Church Musicians  
Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo  
Scripture and Prayer ..... Charles Gentry  
Choral Message ..... Harrisburg Trio and Church  
Musicians, Tupelo  
Convention Sermon ..... Robert Hamblin  
Church Musicians  
11:55 Inspiration for Departure  
Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo  
Nan Grantham, Songleader

TUESDAY AFTERNOON  
1:50 Instrumental Inspiration  
Solo Handbells "How Great Thou Art" ..... Mack Holcomb  
2:00 Call to Fellowship  
Responsive Reading No. 36, Giles Hankins, John L. Cook, James E. Walker and W. B. Boatner  
Nan Grantham  
Congregational Singing ..... M. R. Bradley  
Prayer ..... Youth Choir  
Choral Message ..... Belle Fountain Baptist Church, Ocean Springs  
2:10 Business Period  
Election of Officers ..... James Hurl  
Report of Committee on Committees ..... Brooks Wester  
Resolutions Presented and Referred .....  
Report of Committee on Constitution and Bylaws .....  
Miscellaneous Business .....  
3:10 Congregational Singing ..... Nan Grantham  
"Creations" ..... Men's Trio  
First Baptist Church, Greenville  
3:15 Bible Treasures "The Living Church Identified" ..... G. Barry Landrum  
3:30 Presentation of 1975 Budget ..... Beverly Timin  
3:40 Election of Officers .....  
4:10 Report of Committee on Feasibility of  
Reassigning the Work of  
Ministerial Education ..... Brooks Wester  
4:20 Inspiration for Departure  
Solo Handbells "The Lord's Prayer" ..... Mack Holcomb  
Dan C. Hall, Songleader  
TUESDAY EVENING  
6:50 Instrumental Inspiration  
7:00 Call to Fellowship  
Choral Message ..... Mississippi Singing Women

Congregational Singing ..... Dan C. Hall  
Prayer ..... J. L. Reeves  
Meditation ..... Mississippi Singing Women  
7:10 Feature  
Introduction of L. Taylor ..... R. Roberts  
Presentation made to Earl Kelly by  
American Bible Society ..... Donald W. Johnson  
7:55 Together We Worship and Share  
Visual and Choral Messages ..... Mississippi Singing Churchmen  
Mississippi Singing Women  
Earl Kelly  
8:00 Inspiration for Departure  
Edwin McNeely, Songleader  
WEDNESDAY MORNING  
8:50 Instrumental Inspiration ..... Accompanists  
9:00 Call to Fellowship  
Sentence Prayer: Leo Barker, Olyn F. Roberts, Marvin D. Bibb, Allen Stephens and George Steward  
Edwin McNeely  
9:05 Congregational Singing  
9:15 Reading of the Minutes  
9:15 Report of Committees:  
Nominations ..... Fuller Saunders  
Time, Place, Preacher ..... W. L. Day  
9:30 Gulfshore Report ..... David Grant  
9:40 Inspiration  
Vocal Message ..... John and Kathy McNair  
9:45 Bible Treasures "The Living Church Commissioned" ..... James Yates  
10:15 Scripture: Tommy Walker, Thomas Titus and Susan Saterfield  
Prayer ..... Bryant Barnes  
10:10 Panel Presentation ..... Brooks Wester, Moderator  
Blue Mountain College ..... E. Harold Fisher  
Clarke College ..... Lowrey Compere  
Mississippi College ..... Lewis Nobles  
William Carey College ..... Ralph Noonkester  
Board of Ministerial Education ..... Paul Brown  
Education Commission ..... Hardy Denham  
10:50 Convention Board Report  
Adoption of Budget ..... Harold Bryson  
11:20 Signing the Declaration of Cooperation by Heads of Boards, Agencies, Institutions, and Foundation  
11:25 Together We Worship  
Congregational Singing ..... Edwin McNeely  
Scripture ..... Billy Green  
Prayer ..... J. D. Lundy  
Vocal Message ..... John and Kathy McNair  
Message ..... A. Rudolph Fagan  
12:00 Inspiration for Departure  
Scripture and Song "The Great Commission" John & Kathy McNair  
Dallas Rayburn, Songleader  
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON  
1:15 Instrumental Inspiration ..... Accompanists  
1:50 Instrumental Inspiration ..... Irene Martin  
2:00 Moments of Inspiration  
Scripture ..... George Miles  
Prayer ..... W. C. Burns, Jr.  
Congregational Singing ..... Dallas Rayburn  
Choral Message ..... Church Choir  
Harperville Baptist Church, Harpersville  
2:10 Miscellaneous Business, Recognitions  
2:20 Panel Presentation  
Brotherhood Department ..... Bill Duncan, Moderator  
Church Music Department ..... Elmer Howell  
Church Training Department ..... Dan C. Hall  
Stewardship Department ..... Kermit King  
Student Work Department ..... John Alexander  
Sunday School Department ..... Ralph Winters  
3:00 Congregational Singing ..... Dallas Rayburn

Vocal Message ..... Jimmy Cutrell  
3:05 Bible Treasures "The Living Church Empowered" ..... John Traylor  
3:25 Convention Overview Presentation ..... Jean Patterson and  
Dallas Rayburn  
Joy Shred, W. Donald Brown, Walton Caughman & Floyd Grice  
Choral Message ..... Ladies Ensemble  
Baptist Building  
Mrs. R. L. Mathis  
4:25 Inspiration for Departure  
Parkway Puppets ..... Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson  
WEDNESDAY EVENING  
6:50 Instrumental Inspiration ..... Larry Black, Songleader  
7:00 Moments of Fellowship  
Songs of Witness ..... Accompanists  
Led by the Music Ministry  
First Baptist Church, Jackson  
Larry Black, Minister of Music  
7:10 Bible Treasures "The Living Church Challenged" ..... Phillips McCarty  
7:30 Panel Presentation ..... Frank Gunn, Moderator  
Chaplain's Association ..... Ed Holmes  
Christian Action Commission ..... J. Clark Hensley  
Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists ..... Dick Brogan  
Cooperative Missions Department ..... Foy Rogers  
Evangelism Department ..... Roy Collum  
The Baptist Record ..... Joe Odle  
8:10 Together We Worship  
Scripture ..... James Bickham  
Prayer ..... Paul Kirke  
Songs of Testimony ..... Music Ministry  
First Baptist Church, Jackson  
Grady Cothen  
9:00 Inspiration for Departure  
Benediction ..... C. H. Stone, Sr.  
THURSDAY MORNING  
8:50 Instrumental Inspiration ..... Accompanists  
9:00 Call to Fellowship  
Psalm 98 ..... J. T. Hannaford  
Doxology ..... John Legg  
Prayer Period: Karl McGraw, James K. Burke & Van S. Moore  
Congregational Singing ..... John Legg  
9:10 Reading of the Minutes  
9:20 Report of Committee on Resolutions  
9:30 Miscellaneous Business  
9:50 Moments of Inspiration  
Congregational Singing ..... John Legg  
Vocal Message ..... Kaye Batson, Harry Carter  
9:55 Bible Treasures "The Living Church Victorious" ..... Hardy Denham  
10:15 Congregational Participation  
Favorite Scriptures Shared by Persons in the Congregation  
Congregational Singing ..... John Legg  
10:20 Panel Presentation ..... Joel Haire, Moderator  
Annuity Board ..... W. R. Roberts  
Baptist Children's Village ..... Paul N. Nunnery  
Baptist Foundation ..... Carey Cox  
Baptist Memorial Hospital ..... Robert Scott  
Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission ..... R. A. McLemore  
Mississippi Baptist Hospital ..... Paul Pryor  
11:00 Together We Worship  
Congregational Singing ..... John Legg  
Vocal Message ..... Ladies Trio  
First Baptist Church, Magee  
11:05 Message ..... Adrian Rogers  
11:50 Inspiration for Departure  
Feature on Christ's Model Prayer ..... Marilyn Mims  
Prayer of Love and Concern ..... Earl Kelly

# State Convention To Meet Nov. 12-14

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The convention this year will adjourn at noon Thursday. The convention youth service, held in prior years on Thursday night at the Mississippi Coliseum, this year will be conducted Monday night, Dec. 30 in the Coliseum.

This year's convention will have many of the features of past years as well as several new innovations, with the theme of the session to be "The Living Church."

Featured out-of-state inspirational speakers will be Dr. Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Texas, president of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Grady Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, and A. Rudolph Fagan, executive secretary - treasurer, Stewardship Commission, Nashville.

The opening Tuesday morning session is always a convention highlight as it includes both the president's keynote address and the convention sermon, which will be delivered this year by Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention Board, will be the inspirational speaker for the Tuesday evening session, always a convention feature.

This session will also include a film, "Rope of Sand," a presentation to Dr. Kelly by the American Bible Society and the appearance of a new singing group, the Mississippi Singing Women, who will be joined in special music by the Mississippi Singing Churchmen.

They will be directed by Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department, who will also be music coordinator for the convention.

The various phases of the work of the convention will be presented this year in four different panel presentations, with the following pastors to serve as moderators: Rev. Bill Duncan, Piquette; Rev. Frank Gunn, Biloxi; Dr. Books Wester, Hattiesburg, and Rev. Joel Haire, West Point.

Bible study will be directed by five state leaders. They are: Dr. Philips McCarty, Clinton; Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton; Rev. James Yates, Yazoo City; Dr. John Traylor, Gulfport; Rev. G. Barry Landrum, Greenville; and Dr. Raymond Lloyd, Starkville.

These attending will be given an opportunity to give their favorite Scripture quotations.

## Church Choirs to Sing

Special music this year will be rendered by choirs and other special music groups and individuals from the churches.

Another highlight will be the "Signing the Declaration of Cooperation by Heads of Boards, Agencies, Institutions and Foundation."

A "Convention Overview Presentation" will be given by Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of the State Baptist WMU and Rev. John Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department of the Convention Board.

Dr. Grant will be assisted in presiding over the convention by Rev. James Richardson, Leland, first vice-president, and Dr. Harold T. Bryson, Carthage, second vice-president.

Horace Kerr, Jackson, is recording secretary, with Claude Anthony, also of Jackson, associate record secretary.

Convention organist will be Mrs. Bobbie Smith, of the host church, with the pianist to be Mrs. Diane Smith, of Sallito. Assistant organist will be Mrs. Josephine Bryan of Jackson.

Rev. Oliver Ladner, Magee, is chairman of the order of business committee, with other members being Dr. Harold T. Kitchings, Kosciusko; Dr. Bob Ramsay, Tupelo, and Rev. Benton Preston, Jackson.

## Prayer Breakfast

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ing is \$23 million. The goal in Mississippi is \$14 million.

"It is the hope that this breakfast will challenge the men to a deeper prayer concern for the idea of missions," Dr. Kelly said.

Invitations to attend the breakfast will be in the mail shortly to men all over the state, pointed out Rev. Elmer Howell, director of the Brotherhood Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The invitations will be sent to men whose names were available and who it was felt would have a particular interest in missions.

"There may have been many who would have such an interest who were missed because we did not have their names," Rev. Howell said. These men should feel free to contact the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson 39205 and request tickets, he indicated.

The tickets will be \$3 each. In discussing the breakfast, Rev. Howell said:

Missions in December is just around the corner. The Baptist Men's Foreign Missions Prayer Breakfast will challenge the men of our churches to a richer, deeper, more prayerful concern for the idea of missions.

"This prayer breakfast idea is a 'first' for Mississippi Baptist Men. We have talked with laymen and pastors. Their response to the idea has been very encouraging. For instance, one layman said, 'Oh, this will be good. I personally feel the need of this type of meeting.' Several of our pastors have said, in essence, 'This is a wonderful idea. I feel that the men of my church will respond wholeheartedly to the idea.'"

"We are very fortunate in being able to secure outstanding Foreign Mission personalities to appear on the program."

## The Convention President Speaks

There is a great deal of nostalgia connected with the writing of this article. You see, it is my last one. For two years, I have had the good pleasure in writing a little something each week as your Convention president. Now "is article concludes my

I want to thank you people—the people who are Mississippi Baptists—for the high honor and distinct privilege of serving in this office. As a result, I know many of you much better than prior to my serving. To know you is to love you and appreciate you.

You have responded in a marvelous way to suggestions, programs, and plans this Convention has projected. I do not know who the next president will be, of course, but he has much in store for him in relating to Mississippi Baptists in this Convention. You will want to pray for him and support him as you have me. You will want to help him be a true servant of God. You will enable him to hold Dr. Kelly's and his staff's right arm high.

So this is my swan song. Thank you, one and all for what you are, what you mean to me, and what you mean to the whole cause of Christ. As Billy Graham says, "May the Lord bless you real good." — David Grant.



Pastors' Retreat program personalities visiting during a noon break are, left to right, Rev. Kermit D. McGregor, pastor of Temple Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. Hardy Denham, pastor of First Church, Newton; Dr. J. B. Fowler, pastor of First Church, McComb; and Rev. Al Finch, pastor of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson. The retreat was sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Carey Cox, executive secretary; the Stewardship Department, John Alexander, director; and the Church Music Department, Dan Hall, director.



Dr. Frank Stagg, center, of Louisville, faculty member at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was the Bible study leader at the Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Retreat at Camp Garaywa. Dr. Earl Kelly, secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was the worship leader. Dr. Stagg is shown above with Rev. Hugh Poole, left, pastor of First Church, Macon, and Rev. Marcus Finch, pastor of Calvary Oak Grove Church, Hattiesburg.

## Pastor's Retreat



Rev. Joel Haire, center, pastor of First Church, West Point, and a participant on the Pastors' Retreat program, chats with left to right, Rev. J. Roy McComb, pastor of First Church, Pearl; Rev. Emerson Tedder, pastor of Macedonia Church, Brookhaven; Rev. Ralph Graves, pastor of Highland Church, Laurel; and Tison Curbow, pastor of Sunrise Church, Carthage. The second annual retreat registered 165 pastors, and more than 200 attended parts of the sessions.



Rev. Bill Duncan, seated left, pastor of First Church, Piquette, welcomes Rev. Julius Thompson, seated right, back to Mississippi. Rev. Thompson, a Mississippi native, returns to the state as pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, from a Maryland pastorate. Standing is Allen E. Ballet, pastor of Bethlehem Church, Laurel.

## Cooperative Receipts For 1974 Up 5.4%

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first ten months of this year, through October, totaled \$4,953,305, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, Executive Secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$473,828, or 10.5 percent over the \$4,479,477 given the same period of 1973, Dr. Kelly added.

Receipts for October totaled \$502,288, an increase of \$30,323 or 5.4 percent over the \$471,965 given in October of last year.

## Worker With . . . . .

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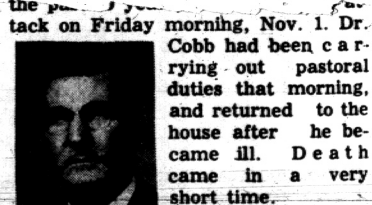
Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in California.

Before coming to Mississippi he was director of deaf work, University Baptist Church, Oakland, Calif.; music director, Calvary Baptist Church, Berkeley, Calif.; pastor, Wooster Baptist Church, Wooster, Ark.; and pastor New Liberty Baptist Church, Hermitage, Ark.

He married the former Erkle Eldean Kessinger of Conway, Arkansas. They have two children.

## Dr. John R. Cobb, Inverness Pastor Dies Suddenly

Dr. John R. Cobb, 61, pastor of



the church, on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3, with Rev. Granville Watson, Rev. Dan Morton and Rev. Doyle Cummings officiating. The service was conducted like a worship hour, and was reported to be one of triumph. The congregation sang, and the choir presented two numbers, and George Lipe closed the service with "The King Is Coming."

Dr. Cobb is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruby Cobb; four children, Fred, John, Jimmy, and Melinda (Hill); and three grandchildren. He also leaves four sisters and three brothers.

Dr. Cobb was a native of Greenville, South Carolina. He was baptized in 1937, and ordained in 1940, at Dunean Baptist Church, Greenville. He graduated from Mississippi College in 1945, and from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, receiving his Th.D. degree from the latter institution in 1950. For four years he was a fellow to Dr. E. N. Patterson, in the Department of New Testament at the seminary.

Pastorates included First Baptist Church, Bayou La Batre, Alabama, 1947-50; Raymond Baptist Church, Raymond, Miss., 1950-1955; and First Baptist Church, Inverness, since 1955. During the pastorate at Inverness, a new pastor's home was built in 1955, a new educational building was erected and occupied in 1965, and then, after a devastating tornado demolished the building in 1971, a complete new church plant and pastor's home were erected and with the new church building dedicated on September 9, 1973.

Dr. Cobb had been active in associational and denominational affairs, and had served on various boards and committees.

He was the author of the book "The Spirit of A Sound Mind," and co-author of "God's Minute, Number 11."

Interment was at Inverness.

## Missionary Parable

Behold, a certain foreign missionary decided to "go it alone." Just the missionary, God, and the needy people of the world. No prayer or financial support from fellow Christians back home. After all, God's call is an individual matter, he assured himself.

We don't know what happened to the missionary. Maybe he is accomplishing great works for the Kingdom. More likely he discovered that missionary effort is greatly enhanced by support from the folks at home.

At least this is the experience of Southern Baptist missionaries. They realize the crucial nature of prayer support, personnel reinforcement and financial giving by friends stateside.

These missionaries don't want to "go it alone." For them, the cooperative support of Southern Baptist churches is also a part of God's call.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD DIALOG

Dr. Grady Cothen, president-elect of the Sunday School Board, visited the Baptist Building in Jackson as part of a tour of all 33 of the state conventions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. Cothen's stated purpose was to listen to voices all across the nation regarding Sunday School Board matters. He writes as he listens to a Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staff member. At the end of the table to Dr. Cothen's right is Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the board. To Dr. Cothen's left are Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department, and Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department.

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## EDITORIAL

### State Convention Meets Next Week

From all over the state Baptists will come next week for the 139th annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. It will be one of the most important conventions in years for several important matters will be considered.

A splendid program has been planned by the Committee on Order of Business, and from the opening gavel on Tuesday morning until the closing moment at noon on Thursday, every session will be filled with worship, Bible study, inspiration, reports and business. No serious controversial issues are foreseen as disturbing the meeting.

Reports which will come to the messengers from the institutions, agencies and committees, are all expected to be good, since this has been a year of advance and rich blessing of the Lord in all of our work. The colleges continue to gain in strength, despite the economic problems of the days. The hospital will report on the progress in the erection of its new facility, which is expected to be opened next year. The Children's Village will report continued expansion and strengthening of its ministry.

The Convention Board will report one of the finest years of its history, and will tell of the plans for restructuring of its program to enable a better service to the churches.

Other agencies such as the Foundation, the Ministerial Board, the Christian Action Convention, etc., will all bring reports revealing the present strength of the convention work.

In all of the years we have been in Mississippi we never have seen a finer spirit of cooperation, or a more encour-

aging situation in the churches and associations, large and small. The work of Mississippi Baptists stands on as solid a spiritual foundation right now, as it perhaps has ever been.

With all of these encouraging elements as a background, the messengers come to this convention with several important matters to be considered, and some major decisions to be made.

Foremost, will be the adoption of the largest budget in the history of the state's Baptists, a total of \$6,800,000 for the Cooperative Program. This is an advance of \$1,100,000 over this year's budget; but is expected to be much less than that amount of advance over this year's actual receipts. It was not too many years ago when the budget was under \$1,000,000, which reveals the great advances which have been made in mission support by the churches.

A second major matter to come before the convention will be the restoration of the Gulfshore Assembly facility at Pass Christian, which was destroyed by Hurricane Camille in 1969. A recommendation comes from the Convention Board that authorization be given to proceed with plans for the reconstruction. In 1972 the convention voted to delay construction of the new assembly, until \$1,250,000 had been raised and added to the funds already in hand. During the past year that goal has been reached in cash and pledges, and recommendation is being made that the work be started.

Another issue to be considered is the enlargement of the Executive Committee from nine to fifteen members. This is part of the recommended changes in

convention board organization and procedures, made by a special committee on board reorganization.

Some other minor recommendations will be considered, and, of course, new matters can be presented from the floor by any messenger. Nevertheless, as already has been said, every indication is that this will be a convention of harmony and progressive spirit, without any divisive issues.

It is important that representation from the churches be as widespread as possible. Every church in the state which can possibly do so, should send its pastor, and many laymen and women to attend the meeting. Even the smallest church is entitled to one messenger, and churches can have up to ten. The constitution reads,

"Article III, Membership

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of messengers from the regular Baptist churches in Mississippi in harmony and cooperation with the purposes and actions of the Convention.

Section 2. Each such church shall be entitled to one messenger for the first hundred, or fraction thereof, of its membership, and one messenger for each additional one hundred members, or major fraction thereof, but no church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers."

Send your pastor, and encourage laymen and women to attend too. Let the church provide for their expenses.

The work of the convention is the Lord's business as Mississippi Baptists are endeavoring to do it. Every cooperating church should have a voice in the decisions concerning it.

## NEWEST BOOKS

**RELIGIOUS AMERICA**, with photographs by Philip Garvin and text by Philip Garvin and Julia Welch (McGraw-Hill, 185 pp., \$12.95) Creator of the famous national television series of the same name, author-photographer Philip Garvin and co-author Julia Welch, a writer and journalist, capture in word and picture the essence of personal religious experience under the banner of many faiths. Informal yet intensely felt, their book is a tribute to the richness and remarkable diversity of religious experience in the United States today. In the book Garvin travels and listens to the feelings of Roman Catholic Spanish-Americans in New Mexico, rural Lutherans in Minnesota, Hasidic Jews in Brooklyn, and many other groups. He records a P.O.W.'s description of his faith during years of imprisonment. In a visit to Mississippi, he gives dirt-poor black Baptists in Louise a chance to speak of the riches that come from God, of love, and of death. Both words and pictures of this episode are painstakingly honest — and deeply moving. The book is available in paperback and hardcover. It is also available in audio cassette format. The book is shown in the television series "Religious America" on educational television in Mississippi last year. Other photographs from Mississippi include the Church of God in Christ, at Drew, Sunflower, and Itta Bena.

**HOW BIG IS GOD?** by Dave Hill (Tyndale House, paper, \$4 pp., \$1.25) A useful guide in helping the young understand and experience God. Matches Bible passages with children's most common questions about God.

**THE GINGERBREAD MAN, PAT WILLIAMS — THEN AND NOW** by Pat Williams and Jerry B. Jenkins (A. J. Holman, \$5.95, 119 pp.) Dramatic autobiography of Pat Williams — the youngest general manager in the history of pro sports — follows his career from its beginnings with the Spartanburg Phillies, through his remarkable conversion, to the present when he has let God take over as "general manager" of his life.

**AS GOD INTENDED** by Lynn Stephens (Baptist Publications Committee, 712 Main St., Little Rock, Ark., paper, 163 pp., \$1.25) Sermons on marriage, parents and children, home life, and family relationships. These messages were originally preached in a four-service "family revival" in the author's pastorate, Immanuel Baptist Church, Camden, Arkansas.

**LEARNING TO SPEAK EFFECTIVELY** by James W. Cox (Baker, paper, 95 cents, 62 pp.) Ten basic principles of effective speaking, given in a concise, clear, and orderly way. The author is associate professor of preaching at Southern Seminary.

**THE DESTINY OF AMERICA** by Charles R. Taylor (Time-Light Publishing, pocket book paper, 256 pp., \$2.25) A study of Bible prophecy as it relates to present world conditions. The author sees the USA in Bible prophecy in Isaiah 18 and other passages, and gives the reasons for his interpretation. The book deals with the Holocaust which threatens America and the world in this nuclear age. A study of present day events in Israel, Russia, the Arab nations, Europe, the U.S.A., etc., all of which the author believes, are foretold in the Bible.

**GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN**, Today's English Version of the New Testament in Color (American Bible Society, paper, 488 pp.) This beautiful new edition of Good News for Modern Man is printed in large readable type and includes more than 200 full color photographs, in addition to maps, a Word List and a section called Background of the Gospel. Subject headings are printed in bold type in wide margins, so that the reader can see at a glance the topics discussed on each page.

**THE RAPTURE BOOK** by Doug Chatham (Whitaker House, 95 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.25) A brief summary of the events which premillennialists believe will take place in connection with the first event of Christ's Second Coming, the Rapture.

**IS THERE REALLY ONLY ONE WAY?** by Dick Hillis (Vision House, 117 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.25) Is Christ the only way of salvation, or are sincere people in other religions also acceptable to God? The author carefully examines the Universalist position and shows that it is a ladder of straw. In a time when Eastern religion such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and other groups press for recognition, the author brings us back to a scriptural foundation.

**THE MEASURE OF A MAN** by Gene A. Getz (Regal, 218 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.25) A study of Paul's list of qualifications for those who aspire to spiritual leadership. A chapter is devoted to each of the twenty

**THE NEW WINE IS BETTER** by Robert Thom (Whitaker House, 233 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.45) The personal story of a south African man who was saved out of alcoholism and found the riches of the wine of Christ. It is a personal story which is exciting and interesting.

**THE EXCITING CHURCH WHERE PEOPLE REALLY PRAY** by Charlie W. Shedd (Word, 165 pp., \$3.95) A story of how prayer became a mighty force in an actual church situation. It is a report on how a pastor led a church to set up prayer partnerships, with one person praying for a partner. The plan revolutionized the life of a church. This is one of the most refreshing books on prayer that we have read recently.

**YOU CAN'T BEGIN TOO SOON** by Wesley Haystack (Regal, paper, \$2.25, 139 pp.) This book provides practical guidance in how to begin a young child's education in the

## One Parson's Opinion

No Imaginary Parable

My dear People:

Tim Nunley, a nineteen-year-old U.S. Navy man, died last week of cancer, after trying in vain to get some help from naval doctors at three different hospitals.

At Orlando, Florida, boot camp, at Mayport Naval Station near Jacksonville, and at the Great Lakes Naval Station, Tim had reported in for sick call, pleading for help. In each case, the doctors had told him his malady was all in his head; he was just imagining things: "There is nothing wrong, except in your head; and don't come back here!"

It would be bad enough to imagine how helpless he felt in getting the medical attention he so desperately needed, but can you imagine his emotion suffering in being told "there's nothing wrong" when he knew better deep within. Before the tragedy ended in his unneeded death, he had lost 40 pounds, had blurred vision and had a three-inch mass sticking out of his abdomen! But the doctors said that it was all in his head!

That unbelievable event speaks a parable: How many times do young people in their teens go seeking for help and assistance only to be turned away in similar fashion! Teenagers groping for a sense of reality, a sense of purpose, ask for some mature counsel and straight talk only to have an answer or a response as senseless as that which the doctors gave to Tim Nunley!

Here's a lad, finding a lack of fulfillment during his college days. He goes to a professor whom he admires and respects. He bares his soul's longing, only to find the worldly-wise professor suggest that he cut loose from the restraints of home and church and God and "Son, enjoy yourself!"

Taking the prof's advice, that searching soul "does his own thing" — meaning in biblical language that he goes into a far country and there squanders himself in loose-living! Rather than this giving release or relief, the burden grows heavier. Desperately, he turns to a psychologist, a counselor, a psychiatrist, who with calm assurance tells him the lad with a prescription of "No God—No Sin—No Guilt! Forget it! It's all in your head!"

(You need to know that 55% of the psychoanalysts surveyed in 1970 agreed with Sigmund Freud's comment that a belief in God "is so patently infantile, so incongruous with reality, that... it is painful to think that the great majority of mortals will never be able to rise above this view of life." (From The National Observer, May 23, 1973, Page 16).)

Rather than following the godly wisdom of Karl Meisinger, these pagan healers erase sin, discount guilt and advise licentiousness and permissiveness!

In one final act of hope, the lad goes to a Sunday School class, knowing that despite the fatal advice of the professor and the shameful therapy of the psychoanalyst, he has a death-dealing disease deep within. Here at Sunday School, he'll find the honest, candid, straightforward diagnosis which will lead to healing.

Instead, at Sunday School, the lad with a hurt and a hope, finds that the teacher is absent, the Bible is not open, the churchmen discuss yesterday's football game. And, instead of finding the Peace, Pardon, Power and Purpose he thought he might find at the Soul Hospital, he goes away sorrowfully and writes across his soul "Finis."

The Text: Matthew 18:6.  
In loving memory of Timothy Nunley,  
Harold A. Shirley, Pastor, Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.

## How Important To Remember!



"I SWEAR TO DO  
WHAT IS RIGHT  
... GOD BEING  
MY HELPER"

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### God's Call For You: To Germany??

Dear Mr. Odle,

We, the Temple Baptist Church of Stuttgart, Germany are looking for a pastor and would like to advertise our need in THE BAPTIST RECORD. We would like the message to read as follows:

God's Call For You:

The Temple Baptist Church of Stuttgart, West Germany, an English-language church serving a congregation of American armed forces and civilian personnel, will call a pastor to arrive in Germany as soon as possible to serve for three years. We are a member of the Southern Baptist Convention and the European Baptist Convention. Is this your call? Write to our pulpits committee. . . . CPT John W. Cummings, Corresponding Secretary, Chief, Pharmacy Svc., 54th General Hospital, APO New York 09154. (If you need a return address, write to the address above.) Thank you.

John W. Cummings  
Corresponding Secretary  
Pulpits Committee

### On The MORAL SCENE...

**EAR POLLUTION** — "Noise is unwanted sound. . . . Noise intensity is generally measured in decibels (dB) on a relative scale, so that an increase of 10dB corresponds to a doubling of loudness. . . ."

Out on the highway, we are all chronically subjected to ambient noise at between 35 and 60 dB, with occasional peaks of 90 to 100 dB. . . . Apart from possible loss of hearing, the physiological effects vary widely. Excess noise can act upon the heartbeat, the respiratory system, the digestion, the blood pressure, the eyes and even the central nervous system. Memory and concentration are often affected while sleeplessness can result in further ill-effects. . . . The risks of noise are greatest for workers in industry. . . . Occupational deafness is a growing health hazard. . . . United States federal law established 90 dB as the maximum allowable noise level during an eight-hour work day and a five-day work week. Other countries consider the safety level should be 85 dB or even below. . . . "Features," World Health Organization, 6-1974

**TV VIOLENCE** — "Whether vehicular, verbal, emotional or physical, TV violence hasn't abated much in the last seven years. A comprehensive survey conducted at the University of Washington reveals that the average incidence in 1967 was 7.5 brutalities per hour, and in February-March 1974 it was 7.29. By categories, animated cartoons led with 28.38 incidents per hour; followed by westerns, with 27.45; and detective-spy programs at 20.35." — Human Behavior, October, 1974

**MOBILE AMERICA** — "A census bureau study reveals that from March 1970 to March 1973 . . . 31.8% . . . of all U.S. residents . . . changed their residence. . . . In that period 4.68 million Americans moved out of the nation's metropolitan areas while 3.736 million moved in. The trend is away from central cities, a trend which started in the 1960's. The most mobile age group in the American population is men and women in their 20's. Almost 60% of them changed homes in the three-year period." — Parade, July 14, 1974.

**POVERTY IN APPALACHIA** — "In spite of the romanticizing lens focused on Appalachian-style poverty in recent years through such TV programs as the Beverly Hillsbillies and The Waltons and through the developing interest in country crafts, the region continues to be one of the most depressed and neglected in the country." Consider these facts.

—More than 30% of the families have annual incomes of less than \$3000.  
—More than 60% of the families have an annual income of less than \$8000.  
—In some counties 76% of the families live

A Woman's World Reaches Far  
**Beyond the Ironing Board**  
—Wilde Fancher—

This is simply too good not to share with you.

Sometimes some of you write and say you wondered all the way through a column how I'd ever find a spiritual or religious application, but I always came through. Well, this just may be the first time I don't come through with one, but please read it, anyway. Maybe we can just chalk this one up to a chuckle or two.

Most of you know that my husband, James, is a preacher, serving at this time in a busy, full-time evangelism ministry. Hearing him has never been a strain on any ear. He has something to say, says it clearly and loudly, and has a real joy in preaching. Last week he was talking with a little boy who said, "When you holler like that, are you mad?"

"No. Does it sound like I am?"

"It sure does. Does it give you a headache?"

"No. It doesn't."

"Well, it does me."

"So," I asked James, "did you soft pedal the rest of the week?"

"No."

"You're just going to go on giving little boys headaches?"

"I reckon."

—Wilde Fancher—

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on less than \$3000 annually. —Unemployment runs more than 3% higher than the U.S. average and in some counties as high as 50%.

—The Federal government spends only \$8.70 per capita per year on education in Appalachia, compared with \$27.88 per capita nationally.

—In some counties 85% of the adults did not complete high school and 25% are functionally illiterate. Pike County, in eastern Kentucky, contains 40% of the nation's remaining one-room schoolhouses.

—Health conditions are among the poorest in the nation and health services sorely lacking. Malnutrition, rickets, TB and black lung disease are rampant. Pike County boasts another dubious distinction: that of having the highest child TB rate in the country." —JSAC Grapevine, Vol. 6, No. 2, July, 1974.

**KRYSLA LEAR**, Jesus Christ solved my energy crisis.

**JOHNNY CASH**: The Bible sheds a lot of light on the commentaries.

**JUDY ROBINSON**: Jesus sent me flowers at my funeral.

**MARY JANE ANDERSON**: I stood in God's shower but never got wet. Then I turned on the faucet.

**MARY-LORRAINE DUKE**: I was held fast in drydock until Jesus Christ set me moving down the slips.

**JOYCE WHITE**: Jesus Christ submitted me to his Father, the Owner and Publisher, and Wow! I was accepted.

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# Association Asks Charismatic Churches: Desist Or Withdraw

DALLAS (BP) — Dallas Baptist Association has requested its member churches to desist from the charismatic movement or voluntarily withdraw from association membership.

The 234-church association of Southern Baptist congregations, during its annual meeting here, took a strong stand against charismatic churches in light of a story which ran in a local newspaper.

A Dallas Times Herald story on Oct. 6, spotlighting the spreading scope and influence of the charismatic renewal movement, featured Howard Conatser, pastor of Beverly Hills Baptist Church, a member of the association.

The association's statement read: "We deplore the practice of those who express or imply an attitude of spiritual superiority by this misrepresentation of certain so-called charismatic gifts such as faith healing, glossolalia (speaking in tongues) and exorcism, thus disrupting the fellowship of our churches."

The resolution further stated the association requests churches holding such views reconsider their practices. "If they cannot work in harmony with our historic views, we strongly urge they voluntarily withdraw from our association and seek fellowship with churches of more common practice."

The statement did not name any churches involved in the movement, not even Beverly Hills.

The Beverly Hills Church, however, is the only church in the association "openly" practicing the charismatic expression of spiritual gifts.

Following the association's action, Conatser said, "We believe God is restoring the apostolic church and the charismatic movement is part of that plan."

He indicated his church had no present plans to withdraw from the association.

Robert McGinnis, director of missions for Dallas Baptist Association explained, "This was not a hasty decision. We have been dealing with the problem for five years. Our silence gave the impression we condoned it. Churches not involved in the charismatic movement should not feel they stand alone."

Conatser denied feeling any spiritual superiority in the church ministry. "If anything, anyone who has a true charismatic experience realizes how inferior in spiritual power we are."

"God speaks to different people in different ways and we can't compare experiences. Because I have been filled with the Holy Spirit is no sign anyone else must. But because I have does not mean it's wrong."

The 3,500-member church reported 325 baptisms during 1973, the 12th year in the Southern Baptist

## Another Baptist Group Castigates Charismatics

TULSA, Okla. (BP)—The Rogers Missionary Baptist Association, comprised of 24 Southern Baptist churches in northeast Oklahoma, has lashed out against the charismatic movement, characterizing it as "heresy."

The association thus became at least the second association of Southern Baptist churches to go on record in recent days against the charismatic movement, according to reports received by Baptist Press news service.

An earlier report indicated the Dallas (Tex.) Baptist Association, made up of 234 churches, requested any member churches involved in the charismatic movement to desist or voluntarily withdraw from association membership.

The Rogers Association resolved, in its annual session, to "express our opposition to this heresy as we do all other heresy... and (to) encourage our churches to deal with this heresy, as with all heresy, with Christian love and compassion, but with firmness, following the New Testament guide for church discipline in dealing with heresy (Titus 3:10-11)"

The two verses in Titus declared: "As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned." (RSV).

"The so-called 'charismatic' move-

ment, including glossolalia (speaking in tongues) and 'divine healing,' seeks fervently to entice Baptists into its movement," the Rogers Association resolution said.

"The heretical teachings of this movement create, in adherence, a false sense of piety (and) superior holiness and creates a breach of fellowship, all contrary to the New Testament."

In other action, the Rogers Association opposed ordination of women as unscriptural and opposed acceptance by Baptist churches of unscriptural baptisms.

The resolution on women said ordination of women, "practiced by some Southern Baptist churches," represents "a departure from the fundamental teachings of the New Testament."

The statement recorded "opposition to this practice... (and encouraged) our churches to remain true to the New Testament teachings... (and) faithfully teach their members this fundamental truth."

Elaborating on the baptism question, the association said "some Southern Baptist churches have erred from the truth and received from membership those who have not been scripturally baptized."

For baptism to be scriptural, the resolution said, "It must be done by authority of the New Testament church... the candidate must have accepted Christ Jesus as his savior... its (baptism's) purpose is to portray the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and the believer's death and burial with Him and his resurrection to a new life, and can be done only by immersion in water."

## "Let The Earth Hear His Voice" To Be Aired On CBS November 10

The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission will be the sponsoring agency for "Let The Earth Hear His Voice," a segment of the CBS Sunday series, "Lamp Unto My Feet."

"Let The Earth Hear His Voice," to be aired Sunday Nov. 10, is a 30-minute documentary report of the International Congress on World Evangelization. The Congress met in Lausanne, Switzerland in July of this year.

During the Congress, CBS producer Bernard Seabrooks and a crew of four were in Lausanne filming events. The documentary includes interviews with Evangelist Billy Graham, who was honorary chairman of the Congress.

Other interviews will feature Australian Bishop Jack Dain, executive chairman of the Congress, and such theologians as Dr. Francis Schaeffer and Dr. Donald McGavran.

The documentary emphasizes the diversity of the participants and the theological spectrum of the official program. More than half of the participants and observers came from third world nations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

"Lamp Unto My Feet" is aired on the networks on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. EDT.

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Dr. Paul M. Stevens is president of the Radio and Television Commission.

Check your local listings for exact time in your area.

## Philippine Church Dedicated

In spite of monsoon rains and flooded streets, more than 270 persons attended an open house and choir program as a new \$130,000 auditorium and education building of International Baptist Church, Manila, Philippines, was dedicated. The new building is located in the heart of Makati, greater Manila's most modern business and resi-

dential sector, according to Robert L. Stanley, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. Pastor W. Guy Henderson, Southern Baptist missionary, and a Mississippian, reports that the church has been attracting as many as 35 visitors on some Sundays. (Photo by Howard D. Olive)

# Blessitt Comments On World Views From Beneath Cross

By Adon Taft

MIAMI (BP) — They're still fighting in Ireland. Religious persecution still exists in Spain. In Africa, revolution has either broken out or is on the verge of breaking out in several places. Corruption is still a problem in the United States.

Nevertheless, Arthur Blessitt, now residing here with his wife Sherri and their four children, feels the four years he has spent carrying a 10-foot wooden cross 10,500 miles through 22 countries on three continents have had an impact.

"Everywhere I've gone I've seen the beginnings of what I believe will be a tremendous spiritual awakening," declared the 33-year-old Southern Baptist evangelist who became famous as the "mod minister of Sunset Strip" in Los Angeles.

In fact, Blessitt is so encouraged that he is planning to walk with his cross through Asia and South America after a year of shorter hikes through the United States on a mission he will announce later.

The Mississippi-born, Louisiana-reared evangelist who was known for his work among hippies, dope addicts, and other society drop-outs has acquired a world view during his years on the road. But it has not changed his simple Gospel message of peace and love through Jesus Christ.

Africa has had the biggest impact on Blessitt who just completed a year's trek across that continent.

starving people," he said. "It breaks your heart to see the wealth here," he continued. "I believe God will judge the Christians of this nation where some churches spend enough on chandeliers to feed tribes in Africa!"

"I wish I could say that I changed the poverty statistics in north Africa or the racial prejudice in South Africa, but I can't and it breaks my heart," Blessitt added.

Those situations, however, have "never shaken my faith in Christ," insisted Blessitt. "You can't blame Christ when people put their traditions ahead of His Message."

Thousands of Africans became Christians, accepted Jesus Christ as Savior, when Blessitt preached through local interpreters, he reported. "The people are eager to learn, he said, and the commitment of their young preachers is something to see."

He predicted that within a few years, Africa will be the strongest Christian base in the world, sending out missionaries to other continents.

The spiritual awakening he saw there is taking place on a lesser scale elsewhere, according to Blessitt, who describes himself as "a Jesus activist. I believe we ought to act on what little we know about Jesus and what He taught about how to live with our enemies, use our money, and spend our time."

Even in Ireland, he said, there is a spiritual renewal at the street level, even though it is not...

of Christ," said the Baptist preacher. "The groups we started in 1971 have begun to mushroom. They are made up of both Catholics and Protestants, mostly young people who are praying together and going out into the streets and sharing Christ's love."

"Blessitt said that when he left Ireland, there were about 30 groups of about 10 persons each involved in the praying and sharing groups. Today there are about 100 groups with as many as 150 people in them."

In Spain, a decades-long drive by non-Catholics to obtain religious freedom climaxed when he was arrested for attracting a crowd by carrying his cross, Blessitt recalled. The result was laws that gave Protestants and others the right to hold outdoor assemblies for the first time and publicly proclaim their message.

In this country, Blessitt views the indignation over Watergate and similar corruption as an indication of the beginning of a spiritual awakening, one he believes needs to be nurtured until Christians in places like Miami "live as Christ did — befriending the lonely, feeding the hungry, showing love and concern for people."

"It is more important than changing government policy," he believes. "It's a growing thing that would change the world. The church wouldn't be able to hold all the people who would be attracted if each Christian would show that kind of love by doing it."

## Southern Baptists Named To Lausanne Committee

By James Lee Young  
For Baptist Press

Two Southern Baptists have been named in Honolulu to a "continuing committee" to determine what organizational structure or fellowship will result from the International Congress on World Evangelization, held in Lausanne, Switzerland in mid-summer.

Southern Baptists appointed to the committee were Kenneth Chafin, the pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Tex., and Harold Lindell, editor of Christianity Today. Both said they will accept the appointment.

Forty-three persons were named, subject to their acceptance, by the planning committee of the Lausanne Congress in its final meeting in Honolulu. The continuing committee, selected from a long list of candidates, named by regional groups at the Lausanne Congress, will meet in Mexico next for sharing the gospel to the world.

The Southern Baptist pastor said he did not anticipate that the continuing

committee or any resulting fellowship or organization "will in any way try to supplant the World Council of Churches. Some people selected for this committee are from churches in the WCC."

"I'm hopeful about the possibility of people with a commitment to evangelism building relationships and strengthening one another," he said.

Chafin said he would be going as an individual, in no way representing Southern Baptists as a denomination. But, he noted, he would be present in Mexico City, "particularly as a Baptist," adhering to "our basic style. We have no problem associating with others on evangelistic projects," he contended.

Chafin's optimism concerning the continuing committee still leaves the question, however, as to which direction the committee will actually take.

At least one person, Peter Beyerhaus of Germany, also named to the committee, subject to his acceptance, said in Lausanne that he was looking for a revival organization to the WCC to come out of Lausanne. Congress participants in Lausanne stressed the need for a "continuing fellowship" and emphasis was made again and again by Graham and others that no WCC rival was intended.

Chafin noted it was too early to say what directions the committee will take, although he expressed his own desires for such a gathering.

Lindell said there is still a young person to be named to the continuing committee and noted that the committee appointees come from all Christian evangelical denominations and noted that the committee appointees come from all Christian evangelical denominations and that "Baptists are strong there."

No immediate breakdown by denomination was available. (BP)

dates crimes of which they were completely innocent.

"The Christian seeks a sensitivity to human need that propels him into the struggle for amelioration and hope for a better order of living," he continued. "It is something to challenge us that 20% of the American people are below the poverty line."

The primal motivation of Christians is a desire to fulfill the mandate of Jesus for us to minister to "his little ones."

The Hays lectureship is supported by earnings from an endowment fund which has already reached \$20,000. Jerry Warmath, pastor of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, has reported.

Future plans call for an outstanding lecturer each year to continue the series.

(Erwin L. McDonald is editor emeritus of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine and religion editor of the Arkansas Democrat, Little Rock.)

## Brooks Hays Calls For Moral Leadership By Religious Bodies

By Erwin L. McDonald

LITTLE ROCK (BP) — Moral leadership in American politics and government is contingent upon the fullest participation by the rank and file members of the nation's religious bodies, former Southern Baptist Convention president Brooks Hays said here in a lecture series.

The former Arkansas congressman, who served as White House assistant to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, gave four lectures on the theme, "Authentic Hopes for Our Society," to inaugurate the Brooks Hays Lectures in Church and Society established recently by Pulaski Heights Baptists Church here.

Religion, without the parading of piety, is an indispensable ingredient in politics, Hays said.

One of the pitfalls of politics is cynicism "to which is closely related the shocking heresy — 'in politics the only thing that counts is winning,'" Hays said.

Any victor gained at the expense of sacrificing principle and honor will be hollow and unwarranted, said Hays, who lost his seat in Congress in 1968 because of his stand for equal rights for American citizens regardless of race.

"Where, except in religious faith, can we find the inspiration for renouncing political power if the price involves dishonorable conduct?" Hays asked.

Speaking on the moral implications of the Watergate scandal, Hays said Christians are "duty bound to confront economic and political authorities with the demand that they obey God's laws of righteousness and justice."

Prior to the break of the Water-

gate case, the American people almost abdicated, and political authorities "almost gave us a police state," Hays said.

The basic values of constitutional government have now been preserved, he continued. The judicial process "has functioned admirably" and the Congress, "after a lag," did its part well, he said.

"The courts have exercised their power with firmness toward the executive (branch of government) which had threatened to crash through its constitutional bounds," Hays said.

The salient facts of the Watergate scandal are no longer in the "shadowland of uncertainty," Hays said. "No one can claim that Mr. Nixon was hounded out of office. It was his admission that he had not told us the truth that led to the unanimous verdict of the House Judiciary Committee that articles of impeachment should be voted."

While asserting that he had no desire to see the former president behind bars, Hays, nonetheless deplored the pardon of Mr. Nixon by President Ford. He sees the pardoning "as representing a straining of the presidential powers of pardon under the Constitution and a breach of the judicial process."

But Hays had kind words for Mr. Ford for his "indicating that he is aware of the sins against our government in the complex activities known as Watergate." He praised Ford for speaking out against illegal wiretapping and his promise to prevent inspection of income tax returns by his aides and others, "a practice that grew up during the Nixon years."

Hays scored the so-called "dirty tricks" of Watergate, calling them "distortions produced by disreputable activities of the group which was financed by funds ostensibly raised to elect the president," and "forgery of letters imputing to opposing candi-



From left to right: Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Holcomb, Mrs. I. E. Rouse, Mrs. Ralph Noonkester, Dr. Noonkester, and Mrs. Guy Simpson.

## Portraits Of Presidents Unveiled At Carey Founders' Celebration

Recent festivities at William Carey College's Founders Day involved a dinner honoring the accomplishments of four presidents old portraits of three former administrative heads and the current president, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, were unveiled by appropriate members of each family. Shown above speaking to the 400 guests assembled for the dinner is President Noonkester, who has held the position since 1966.

Dr. Holcomb, currently living in Jackson, was president of the college from 1932 to 1940. He addressed the assembled audience on his years as

a leader. Dr. I. E. Rouse, whose widow spoke of accomplishments during his administration, was president from 1946 to 1956. Mrs. Simpson, of Shaw, daughter of Dr. J. L. Johnson, told of her memories of happenings during her father's tenure, 1912 to 1932.

Combined with the October 21 Great Day in Foreign Missions' celebration, the Founders Day Dinner also honored the memory of the 18th century British missionary, William Carey, whose name was given to the college by Dr. Rouse during his administration.

## It's A CRIME What Some Typos Will Do

LUBBOCK, Tex. (BP)—Baptist preachers promoting CRIME! If you believe every telegram you read, that's what you would believe about Southern Baptist Convention President Jaroy Weber and Evangelist Billy Graham.

Baptist Press, SBC news service, recently reported an address in Memphis, Tenn., by Weber, a Lubbock, Tex., pastor, on the subject "Winning American to CHRIST."

Then a gremlin at Western Union got in the act—garbling the following congratulatory telegram from Graham to Weber.

"Just read in Baptist Press your statement about winning America to CRIME. I am with you and support you in this goal. God bless you," the telegram declared.

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## Names In The News

Rev. Gregory Smith, pictured,  
was ordained to the gospel ministry  
by Temple Church, Petal  
on Oct. 12, Sandy Hook Church,

where he is  
minister of music  
and youth and  
presently is  
supplying the  
pulpit requested  
his ordination.  
The charge to  
the church was  
given by  
Dr. Joel D. Ray, superintendent  
of missions for Lebanon Association.  
The charge to the candidate  
was delivered by Rev. W.  
A. Fordham, pastor of First,  
Petal. Rev. G. W. Smith, pastor  
at Temple and father of Gregory,  
preached the ordination  
message. Rev. T. K. Ford, pastor  
of Eastabuchie Church, led  
the ordination prayer and Web  
Williams, chairman of deacons  
at Temple, presented the Bible.  
Mrs. Smith is the former Rebecca  
Leggett.

Ray Bridges, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Russell Bridges of Hazle-  
hurst, recently received his  
Doctor of Divinity degree from Uni-  
versal Bible Institute. He re-  
ceived his B.S. degree at Delta  
State University and a master's  
degree from New Orleans Sem-  
inary. Dr. and Mrs. Bridges now  
reside in Sidon, where he is pas-  
tor of Sidon Church. Mrs.  
Bridges is the former Dell Walker  
of Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman P.  
Hayes, missionaries to Viet-  
nam, may be addressed at Box  
87, Cantho, Vietnam. Both  
natives of Louisiana. Before they  
were appointed in 1969, he was  
pastor of South McComb Church.



Larry J. Pepper, a member of  
Northwest Hills Church, Jack-  
son, was awarded last month  
the "OUTSTANDING YOUNG  
RELIGIOUS LEADER  
AWARD" by the Jackson Jay-  
cees. Mr. Pepper was recognized  
"for living his life each day  
with faith and trust in the  
Lord." He is married and he  
and his wife, Myra, have two  
daughters. The award was pre-  
sented at a dinner held at the  
Kings Inn. Rev. David McIn-  
tosh, pastor of Christ United  
Methodist Church in Jack-  
son, gave a talk to highlight the  
event. Pictured left to right are  
Mr. Pepper's pastor, Rev. James  
R. Morgan, and Larry Pepper  
viewing the plaque given him.  
Mr. Pepper has served in the  
church as deacon, Sunday  
School director, chairman of  
two Pulpit Committees, and  
chairman of numerous other  
committees.

Dr. James L. Travis, chair-  
man of the Division of Biblical  
Studies at Blue Mountain Col-  
lege, is author of an article on  
"Angels" that appears in the  
new magazine, the *Illustrator*,  
fall 1974. He is the only Missis-  
sippi writer and one of only two  
college teachers to write for the  
first edition of this new publica-  
tion of the Baptist Sunday Scho-  
ol Board. Also the editors have  
asked him to write a four-page  
feature article on "Dreams and  
Visions" for the fall issue of 1975.

Rev. Richard White has ac-  
cepted a call to be pastor of  
Pine Forest Baptist Chapel,  
Pensacola, Florida. He is a  
graduate of William Carey Col-  
lege and has attended New Or-  
leans Seminary. He plans to con-  
tinue his studies at Luther Rice  
Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla.  
His new address is Route 2, Box  
5047, Pensacola, 32506.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Er-  
win, missionaries to Brazil, are  
the parents of a daughter, Julia  
Denise, born Sept. 20. They may  
be addressed at Caixa 200, 17600  
Tupa, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Born  
in Florence, Ala., Erwin grew  
up in Tennessee, living in Oak  
Ridge and Knox County. Mrs.  
Erwin is the former Veronica  
(Ronnie) Wheeler of Sanders-  
ville, Miss.

Edwin Keith Broadhead was  
ordained into the gospel ministry  
on October 27 at First Church,  
Marion. He has been called as  
pastor of the Montrose  
Church, Tallu-  
lah, Louisiana. He is at present  
a student at  
Mississippi Col-  
lege in Clinton.  
Rev. Edsol  
Wells is pastor  
of First, Marion.

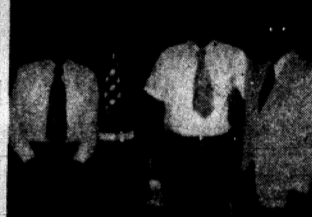
B. B. Stringer, a member of  
New Hope Church, (Marion  
County) was recently presented  
a perfect attendance pin for nine-  
teen years of  
perfect attendance  
in Sunday  
School. "B. B."  
is a faithful ser-  
vant of the  
church and is  
appreciated by  
all the mem-  
bers," says  
James R. Thom-  
as, Sunday School director. Rev.  
Floyd Beason is the interim pas-  
tor.



Four students of the Mississippi College School of Nursing have  
received scholarships from the Allstate Foundation for the current  
school year. Peter G. Wood (left), public affairs manager for All-  
state, was on campus recently to make the presentation to the stu-  
dent nurses. From the left are Mr. Wood; Hilda Joan Blackburn,  
Conehatta; Dawn Langworthy, Pascagoula; Pam Knight, Oxford; and  
Mary Ann Gibson, Kilmichael. This makes the second year Allstate  
has provided scholarships for Mississippi College Nursing Students.  
(M. C. Photo by Bob Rampy)

Dudley Waddle, pictured, was  
licensed to preach October 2 by  
Pleasant Hill Church, New Al-  
bany, where his  
father, Rev. Wil-  
liam M. Waddle,  
is the pastor. A  
sophomore at  
Northeast Jun-  
ior College, he  
plans to trans-  
fer to Blue  
Mountain in Jan-  
uary to begin  
preparation for the ministry. Present-  
ly minister of music at Pleas-  
ant Hill, he is available for sup-  
ply preaching, interim pastorate,  
and/or youth services. Since his  
surrender to the ministry he has  
been widely used in supply work  
and revivals with a number of  
professions of faith. His address  
is Route 3, New Albany, MS.  
38652 (phone 534-7489).

Rev. Russell Naron has accept-  
ed the call to become pastor of  
Calvary Church, Natchez, and  
has moved there from Pineview  
Church, Moss Point. His new  
address is Route 3, Box 337, Natch-  
ez, MS 39120.



West Ripley has a rare cir-  
cumstance at their church. Four  
brothers all belong to the same  
Training Union class. They are,  
right to left: Milton Wilbanks,  
Grady Wilbanks, Elton Wilbanks,  
and Harvey Wilbanks. Their pas-  
tor is Rev. Danny Stephens, who  
has been serving on the field  
since July.

An unusual double recital was  
presented on Thursday night,  
Oct. 24, by Patricia Woodard,  
soprano, and Darla H. Rushing,  
pianist at Thomas Hall Auditor-  
ium, William Carey College. Both  
performers are alumni of Wil-  
liam Carey College and appeared  
as part of the Tenth Anniver-  
sary Founder's Day Celebration  
of Omicron Sigma Chapter of  
Delta Omicron.

## Today's Youth

200 Attend

### "Youth For The Master" Meeting

An estimated 150 youths plus ap-  
proximately 50 or more adults packed  
the sanctuary of the Concord  
Church, Yazoo County, for one of the  
largest attended "Youth For The  
Master" meeting ever held. The san-  
ctuary was filled to overflow and ad-  
ditional seating had to be brought in  
for the Saturday night meeting.

Guests for the meeting were "Real-  
ity" youth singing group from Rich-  
land Church, directed by David Mil-  
ler, minister of music and youth at  
Richland. Mrs. David Miller was pi-  
anist for the group.

### The Jest

I see the wrinkles about their mouths,  
Then their pearl-like teeth show forth,  
Their mouths open wide and laughter  
Comes gushing out, only it sounds faint  
Through the classroom window that stopped  
The laughter. I would that I could have  
Heard the jest that made them laugh so.  
I am in need of such right now.

—Mark Leggett

## Memorial Gift At MC Reaps Rich Dividends

It doesn't take a big investment to  
reap rich dividends.

The W. Elmer Thompson Memorial  
Loan Fund at Mississippi College is  
proof of this.

In 1969 the loan fund was estab-  
lished with a \$3,000 gift and it was  
several years later before the first loan  
was made. Today the fund has a cor-  
pus of \$98,429.49 and 299 individual  
loans have been made.

These loans have been made be-  
cause the late W. Elmer Thompson,  
a pioneer Mississippi educator, be-  
lieved that it was better for a stu-  
dent to borrow money to go to col-  
lege than it was for him to work his  
way through.

It was because of such a philo-  
sophy that his widow established the  
fund as a memorial to him. She could  
have made no better investment, for

students who otherwise might have  
had to drop out of college have been  
able to continue their education be-  
cause the Thompsons cared.

During a recent meeting of the  
Thompson Loan Fund committee it  
was reported that a total of 299 loans  
had been made through the fund,  
totaling \$107,133.49.

The amazing thing about the fund  
and its borrowers, however, has been  
the fact that out of all the money loan-  
ed there has been only one loss. This  
was a \$250 debt which had to be  
written off because of bankruptcy of  
the borrower.

The repayment, otherwise, has been  
astounding. A total of 193 loans have  
already been paid back in full, with  
interest. This means that money used  
by these students is now being recy-  
cled to see that others receive an ed-  
ucation.

During the 1973-74 school session  
the fund provided 60 loans totaling  
\$23,095, with most of them going to  
seniors or graduate students. No col-  
lateral is required. The loans are  
strictly signature loans based on faith  
in the integrity of the student.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

First Church, Quitman; Oct. 20-21;  
over 200 total decisions; four profes-  
sions of faith; three by letter; evan-  
gelist, Joe L. Vernon; music evan-  
gelist, Price Harris; Ed North, Pastor.



This Mississippi College coed (left) helps a young student with homework  
during one of her bi-weekly visits to the Baptist Children's Village in Jack-  
son. She is one of about 50 students from the college who tutor these children  
in a program sponsored by the Baptist Student Union. This is just one of  
the many service opportunities the BSU sponsors. (M.C. Photo)

## MC BSU Outreach Missions Show That Students Care

The atmosphere is informal, light,  
but not uncaring. Any observer can  
soon see that these students mean a  
business.

This can describe a scene of Mis-  
sissippi College students in any of  
their Baptist Student Union spon-  
sored outreach missions. Wherever  
they are, whatever the situation,  
they are there for one main reason  
—to share love.

The BSU mission week starts at  
10:30 Sunday morning when a group  
meets to go to the Old Ladies Home  
in Jackson. The ladies are led in  
singing and hear a short message by  
one of the students. Then a scene  
resembling an "old home week"  
breaks loose, as students visit, chat  
and generally have a good time let-  
ting the ladies know they still care.

At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon an-  
other group of students arrives at the  
Beech Haven Nursing Home. A brief  
service is conducted here, too, fol-  
lowed by another visiting time. It  
doesn't take any student long to  
learn that these people appreciate  
any attention.

Monday afternoon a similar minis-  
try takes place at Care Inn, a nurs-  
ing home in Clinton. Each student  
soon adopts a favorite person or two  
whom they especially look for and  
share with.

That night about 50 students load  
a bus and pay one of their bi-week-  
ly visits to their own "students"  
at the Baptist Children's Village in  
Jackson. The college tutors help their  
charges with homework, listen to  
problems or the latest "guess what  
happened at school today" story, and  
offer encouragement to somewhat re-  
luctant scholars. As a result, grades  
of the younger students often im-  
prove, and all have a good time.  
The second visit is made on Thurs-  
day night.

A class in which the deaf sign lan-  
guage is taught also meets on Mon-  
day night. Here students learn to  
communicate in this silent language  
and are offered opportunities for us-  
ing it. Parties and programs at  
the Mississippi School for the Deaf  
take up most of the service projects  
of this class.

At 3:15 Wednesday another busy  
evening starts with a trip to the  
Crippled Children's Hospital in Jack-  
son. Students talk individually with  
the children, sing, have parties, and  
just spend time getting to know the  
cute little kids.

Students lead a brief worship ser-  
vice that night at the Helping Hand  
Rescue Mission in Jackson. After-  
wards students spend time talking  
with the regular men and meeting  
new ones.

Thursday the Mississippi Nursing  
Home gets the first trip. Again, stu-  
dents lead a worship service and vis-  
it, but each place has its own char-

acteristics. Here the people love to  
sing and don't even mind patting  
their foot to guitar music or listening  
to a classical piece on the piano.

That night a small group makes  
their way to the Jackson - Hinds  
County Youth Court and Detention  
Center. Kids from ages 12-17 are sent  
here for anything from running away  
to theft or drug charges. The Missis-  
sippi College students talk, play games,  
pick guitars and sing; but their  
most important job here is listening,  
offering comfort and encouragement  
when needed.

The week of regularly scheduled  
activities ends Friday with a trip to  
the Old Men's Home. Each group of  
students develops a bond through the  
trips as they receive love and smiles  
from those they visit.

Three other outreach ministries  
meet on a less regular basis. The  
hand puppet group, though barely a  
year old, is now in great demand  
by churches in the area. The stu-  
dent puppeteers do shows for chil-  
dren's worship, fellowships and other  
programs, often writing their own  
scripts to fit the occasion.

A drama group, composed of both  
experienced and inexperienced ac-  
tors, tries to do two or three produc-  
tions a semester. Talent is utilized  
in works such as skits for a BSU  
meeting, short plays, and half-hour  
dramas for worship services. The  
group also presents workshops at in-  
terested churches in an effort to fa-  
miliarize more people with this effec-  
tive visual presentation of Bible  
truths.

The ministry that probably utilizes  
the most different students at Missis-  
sippi College is the worship teams  
that are sent to churches all over  
the state each Sunday. Students  
sign up as a preacher, song director,  
soloist, organist, pianist, or to give  
a testimony. Then a team is gath-  
ered with the talents requested by the  
church. Several teams are sent out  
each Sunday and sometimes a week-  
end revival is conducted.

All of these services are sponsored  
by the BSU and supported by stu-  
dents who want to share what they  
have — whether a lot or a little —  
with other people.

If you would like to meet some of  
these students personally and find  
out more about the ministries, visit  
Mississippi College for the annual  
High School Student Involvement  
Day on Nov. 22, 1974. These students  
care about you, too.



MISSISSIPPI CLUB OFFICERS — Heading the Mississippi Club at  
New Orleans Seminary this year are (from left) Jimmy Furr of Tunica,  
graduate of Delta State, publicity chairman; Doug Warren of Jackson,  
graduate of Mississippi College, secretary-treasurer; Rex Yancey of  
Tupelo, graduate of Blue Mountain College, vice-president; and  
Tom McCaskey of Gloster, graduate of Mississippi College, president.  
(Photo by Joe Glaze)

# God's Concern For A Nation

By William J. Falls  
Jeremiah 1:1-10; 37-38

Our last two lessons dealt with prophets who preached in the Northern Kingdom of Israel before it was captured by the Assyrians in 721 B. C. This lesson is laid about 587 B. C. in Jerusalem when the beginning Babylonians were almost ready to take the city. For more than a year Nebuchadnezzar had tried to starve out the people. At one time the Jews thought the Egyptian army had come to help them. But the siege was lifted only temporarily while the Babylonians convinced Pharaoh's soldiers they ought to go back home. The siege was a terrible experience. Even worse, Jeremiah the prophet of God, gave no encouragement. He saw the whole gruesome drama as the inevitable culmination of the disobedience, betrayal, and immorality of the people. His was a hard message for bad times.

The Lesson Explained  
**JEREMIAH'S DIRE PREDICTION**  
(vv. 2-3)

When the Babylonian siege was lifted because of the army from Egypt, the Lord told Jeremoah to tell the king that if only wounded Babylonians over. So certain was Judah's ordeal that if only wounded Babylonians returned, they would take and burn the city (37:10). When Jeremiah tried to leave the city on a personal errand, he was arrested and jailed as a deserter. King Zedekiah had him released for a private conference, but Jeremiah still insisted that the king would be captured by Nebuchadnezzar (37:17). He derided the palace prophets for giving false comfort.

In essence, Jeremiah was urging the people to surrender. In that way they could save their lives even though they would lose the city and their freedom. The alternative was death if they stayed in the city: some would die of starvation as the siege continued; others would succumb to pestilence caused by unburied bodies and lack of sanitation; even the survivors would be killed by the invaders when the wall was finally breached.

The city was ringed by an overwhelming army. No force from outside dared to test Nebuchadnezzar's

might. Dwindling food supplies and weakening citizenry made the situation hopeless. The prophet of God urged the people to throw themselves on the mercy of the Babylonians, promising that "he that goeth forth the Chaldeans shall live." That would be far better than trying to hold the city another week or month, knowing that in the end they would lose both the city and their lives. Jeremiah was a realist.

**JEREMIAH JAILED FOR TREASON (vv. 4-6)**

But that kind of reasoning did not appeal to the government. The princes urged the king to have Jeremiah executed because his words "weakened the hands of the men of war." They felt his words were undermining the morale of the many. They ignored his role as a prophet of God; they refused to believe that they were all in the hands of the Lord and that Jeremiah was trying to help them see their plight from God's viewpoint. They probably expected only happy news from God.

Zedekiah was a puppet king, installed by Nebuchadnezzar when the Babylonians first captured Jerusalem in 597 B. C. and carried away thousands of captives. He was only

twenty - one years old at that time (2 Kings 24:18), and late in his eleven - year reign he rebelled against Babylonian control. Hoping for Egyptian help that revolt brought Jerusalem back to Jerusalem. In Zedekiah's answer to the princes we see his weak self-image (v. 5). Having a divided mind, he lacked the courage to stand up for Jeremiah.

Of course the princes did not intend to kill the prophet with a sword; they dropped him into a cistern where his words could not be heard and where he would die without notice. This way his influence would not "hurt" the people, and the "patriots" could have their way.

**EVEN THE KING HEARD HIS DOOM (vv. 17-18)**

After the Ethiopian eunuch rescued Jeremiah, the king summoned the prophet for a secret meeting and asked him again for some word from the Lord. Zedekiah promised that no matter what Jeremiah said, he would not harm him (v. 16). Then Jeremiah told the king to his face what he had been telling the people; surrender or live, or hold out and die; if he would live himself and the city to the princes of Babylon, the Lord promised they would live. That would be a gesture of penitence and hope; it would also save the enemy the trouble of storming the city. Refusing to surrender would harden the Babylonian resolve to crush Judea's rebellion. Without any loyalty to Jeremiah's God, the king refused to trust his promise of life.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# A Ministry Of Reconciliation

II Corinthians 5:15-16  
By Bill Duncan

We live in a divided world. The front page of the newspaper gives us the evidence each morning. In politics, religion, race relations, economics, and in personal relations, we see divisions. In recent years new expressions have come out to signify these divisions: women's liberation, minority groups, the generation gap, etc.

What factors have divided the people of your community? Some may have been natural divisions like languages or distance, where the people just do not know each other. Some may have been artificial like nationality or religion. Some may have been personal barriers like ability, age or possessions. The most harmful factors of divisions arise out of attitudes such as prejudice, bias or contempt. Our society is segregated for many different reasons within races and churches.

There have been many efforts or reconciliation by human efforts. The government has tried to bring about reconciliation by laws, but no law can be effective at the purely personal level. Many voluntary organizations have made us aware of our problems. Much of this human effort has been well meant but often has only crystallized the hostility.

The cause of division is sin. All divisions that cannot be overcome by purely material means have their ultimate source in sin. Only victory over sin can bring hope of reconciliation of men to men. The victory over sin in human relations is love.

The ministry of reconciliation is twofold. Man needs to be reconciled to God and man must be reconciled to his fellow man. God has given the basis for reconciliation in Christ, and has given the Christians the ministry of calling others to be reconciled.

**THE BASIS OF RECONCILIATION**  
II Cor. 5:16-17

The natural thing to do is to evaluate people by the standards of our times. A man's worth may be in how much he can produce. "From the human point of view" is a poor criteria for judging others.

When a person receives Jesus Christ as Lord, a radical change comes into the life whereby all new standards are established. The new relationship with God is salvation. The barriers that existed between man and God are removed. Until a person comes to know God in salvation, none of his other problems can find a permanent and adequate solution. Man's basic need is God. The reconciliation of man to God must be sought as the basis for ministry to all the needs of the whole man.

The New Testament and the history of Christianity bear witness to the priority of the ministry of reconciliation by evangelism. A person said, "Trying to minister to a hungry man without feeding him is an exercise in futility; feeding a hungry man without ministering to him spiritually is to mock him." Concern for the salvation of mankind must be a principle of life for each Christian.

**THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION**  
II Cor. 5:18-22

God has entrusted to us "the message of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:18). Because of this trust, "we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20).

Reconciliation implies a state of hostility brought to an end. Since God is the one who reconciles the world to himself through Christ — and it is never said in the New Testament, man reconciles God to himself — it is natural to presume that God's work

in Christ is to remove the hostility in man towards God. The whole process is due to the grace of God. The new creation proceeds from the omnipotent and gracious acts of God in Christ. Reconciliation is possible because of God's grace of "not counting their trespasses against them. By Christ's death God offered to God a sacrifice for sins. Having been set free from the guilt and power of sin, we shall be saved from the wrath of God, because we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son. II Corinthians 5:21 says that, "For our sake he made him to be sin." Christ bore in himself the judgment for the sin of man. God made Jesus to be a sin-offering.

The message and the appeal are to be given by the Christians who are ambassadors for Christ. The gospel proclamation is, "Be reconciled to God."

**THE MODE OF RECONCILIATION**  
II Cor. 6:3-10

The message and appeal for reconciliation has been entrusted to men like Paul and us. As we see the gospel preacher going about, doing his work, there is a great desire that he follows the example of Paul and not put an obstacle in any one's way. It is a dread possibility for the gospel of God to be besmirched by its preachers. Admittedly, the fault finding can sometimes be used to justify rejection of the Word of God. But it is also

possible that lack of careful living could result in the ministry being discredited and men being hindered from turning to Christ. Paul tried by speech and actions to make it easier rather than more difficult for men to receive the gospel.

Paul felt that endurance was a Christian virtue that commends the ministry of reconciliation. There was all kinds of troubles that befell Paul's ministry. These he voluntarily underwent to inspire Christians to follow the Lord.

There were other virtues by which Paul sought to have in his life to commend the gospel. Purity in the discreet way in which he behaved toward women. Knowledge or understanding of human traits and actions. The Holy Spirit's power and ability to direct one's life is a needed virtue. Truthful speech was the goal in preaching and in relationship to other people.

The ambassador of God needs righteousness on every hand. The weapons of righteousness to overcome sin and as a shield against the attack by the powers of evil.

Paul held the hardships which came to him in the course of his ministry and the overruling grace of God together. He concluded by saying, "as having nothing and yet possessing everything." His life was one that saw the heartache and the spirit rejoice. All of this in order that the gospel might be proclaimed. The truth was made known.

**Mississippi B. B. I. Alumni To Meet**

Mississippi Baptist Bible Institute Alumni have announced plans to meet during the Mississippi Baptist Convention, at noon, Tuesday, November 12 at the Bonanza Steak House, 2662 Highway 80 West, Jackson.

Dr. Walter D. Draughon, Jr., Dean of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida will be the guest speaker.

All alumni are invited and urged to attend. For further information contact Mrs. Derral J. Foreman, (phone 924-6815) Clinton.

Baptist Bible Institute is owned and operated by the Florida Baptist Convention. It offers three or more years of theological studies in the fields of theology, religious education or sacred music.

**Strayhorn Homecoming To Be November 10**

Strayhorn Church, Tate County, will observe homecoming day on November 10. Rev. George Hearn, a former pastor, will preach at the morning service. Lunch will be served; singing under the direction of Joe King, minister of music, will be the afternoon feature.

Rev. Cecil Cole, pastor, and the church, invite the public to attend. A special invitation is extended to former ministers and members.

## Lincoln County Baptists Oppose Opening Of Businesses On Sunday And Sunday Sale Of Alcohol

Lincoln County Baptist Association, meeting with Friendship and Pleasant Grove Churches, Oct. 24 and 25, adopted two special resolutions.

Lincoln County Association joined with Pike County Association to express opposition to the Sunday opening of the Sunflower Super-Market, located on Highway 24 in McComb, and any other major business in the Pike-Lincoln area that may attempt to follow said Super-Market's lead in opening on Sunday.

Lincoln County Baptist Association also went on record as opposing the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday within the environs of their association.

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# Devotional

## "The Wilderness Temptation"

By Dr. J. Benson, Pastor, West Laurel Church

Why that wilderness temptation? Christ on earth was the new representative human and as such, must be tested and tried. This dove-like gentleness of the spirit is seen now leading Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the arch-devil of the ages - Satan.

As God, Jesus could not be tempted; but as man, he could. The great voice of God from heaven at Christ's baptism declaring him to be the beloved Son is now questioned, "If thou be the Son of God?" But Christ countered with, it is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

The first temptation concerned the body. The second related to the soul while the third went right to the spirit. The first suggested something reasonable, the second something questionable and the third suggested something definitely wrong. So we see Satan's method of temptation; physical, psychological and spiritual. From the reasonable to the questionable, then to the damnable.

With the first request of turning stone to bread, we see a disguise of sympathy. In the second when Christ is asked to cast himself down, we see a play act of admiration. But in the third where He is called upon to worship Satan, the mask or pretense is removed and Satan's design is clearly seen. Yes, contrary to the opinion or knowledge of many, this is exactly what Satan wants, and we must admit all too often gets from the world, worship.

Our Lord answers Satan from the Bible. Our secret of victory is submission to the Word of God. From the Word, we can command Satan to get in his place, and he must obey. Satan is stopped and thrown back in his attempt to overthrow Jesus by his right use of the power of the Word of God.

We see the angels attending to the needs of Jesus once this encounter is over. Was there ever any doubt about the outcome of this occasion? Surely not when one remembers that Christ is himself the Word of God. He who was the Word could not have spoken less than the Word. He who was seen slain from the foundation of the world could not have been so seen unless the power to overcome temptation was his. Then whose lesson was it to learn? Surely earth's and not heaven's.

The great truth here remains for us all who must face Satan in his scheme to lead us into sin, but through the Word Satan is powerless to achieve his purpose. Defeated he can't hinder the Christian from a victorious life. We who are in Christ, can be like Christ. We have His promise that we finally will be with him in all his enterprises planned for the saints through the ages because he was faithful.

## Gainer Bryan, Sr. Dies In Georgia

WAYCROSS, Ga. (BP)—Gainer E. Bryan Sr., longtime Georgia Baptist Convention leader, died here Oct. 24 at age 86 after a long illness. He had lived at Baptist Village, Georgia Baptists' home for the elderly almost 3 years.

He and the late Calvin Pratt of Columbus, Ga., were credited with originating the Baptist Training Union "M" (Mobilization) Night, now an annual Southern Baptist Convention-wide emphasis.

Bryan retired in 1962 after almost 30 years as Training Union secretary for Georgia Baptists. He had previously

spent 15 years in Georgia Baptist Sunday School department.

He had been vice president of the Georgia Baptist Convention and received an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, Mercer University, a Baptist school in Macon, Ga.

Survivors include his widow; one son, Gainer E. Bryan Jr., former editor of the Maryland Baptist state paper and now editor of the Gwinnett Daily News in Lawrenceville, Ga.; one daughter, Mrs. Thomas J. Holmes of Newnan, Ga., whose husband is assistant to the president of Mercer University for Atlanta and former pastor of Tattall Square Baptist Church, Macon; five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at Ammie S. Paige Memorial Baptist Church in his hometown, Riddleville, Ga., with burial in the church cemetery.



## 1st, Durant Builds Pastorium

A ground breaking and dedication service was held recently at the site for the new pastorium being constructed by First, Durant. R. E. Irby, Jr., co-chairman of the Building Committee, led in a dedication prayer after which Chairman N. C. Hathorn made some appropriate remarks. Mrs. J. O. Ritter was recognized by the pastor, Rev. Ed McDaniel, as the oldest member of the church and represented the Cornerstone of the building. The ribbon was cut by members of the Building Committee and pieces of it were presented to the members of the church as a remembrance of the day. The building site was donated by Mrs. J. L. Longinotti, a very active member.

## Stevens Retires After 43 Years In Pastorate

After serving Baptist churches for 43 years, Rev. K. Z. Stevens is retiring from the pastorate. He was ordained by Smithville Church, Smithville, in November 1931. He has pastored country, village, and city churches in Alabama and Mississippi.

He was pastor of his home church, Smithville, where he called to First Church, Winfield, Alabama; from Winfield to First Church, Reform, Alabama. From Reform, he came to Columbus, Miss.

He has been pastor for the past 26

years in Lowndes County. Having served eight years at East End (Columbus), 13 years at Calvary (Columbus), two years at Friendship, and three years at Border Springs (Caledonia).

He is moving to Columbus, and will be available for interim and supply.

A reception was given in his honor complimenting Rev. and Mrs. Stevens, by the membership of Border Springs Church on Sept. 29, in the church fellowship hall from 2 until 5 p.m. Approximately 175 attended.

## Philadelphia Plans Thanksgiving Service November 10

Philadelphia Church of Route 1, Wesson, 14 miles west of Brookhaven on highway 550, will have a dedication and thanksgiving service on November 10.

Rev. V. Daniel West, superintendent of missions for Simpson County and former pastor of Philadelphia, will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be served; the church invites everyone—especially former members—to be present.

Rev. Ed Alexander is pastor; Rev. Mike Carr is associate pastor and music and youth director.



## Olivet Dedicates New Sanctuary

On October 6, Olivet Church, Klein Road, Gulfport, dedicated its new 720-seat contemporary sanctuary.

The exterior (top photo) is of light colored brick. The interior (bottom) has a vaulted ceiling with wrought iron chandeliers. The oak paneling complements the solid oak cushioned pews. Above the baptistry a unique wooden cross hangs in a recessed area. This cross was designed and constructed by James Sill, a member of Olivet.

Pale green plush carpeting covers the entire floor area. A special feature of the building is its sound system which was designed by another member, Robert Dyess. The twelve-channel system, operated from a remote control room, has as one of its special features a section of the sanctuary for people with hearing impairments.

This \$80,000 building, which has seven rooms in addition to its large sanctuary, was designed by Bill Towles, a professor of architectural drawing at Jefferson Davis College in Gulfport.

Serving on the Building Committee were Bob Acuff, chairman, Bill Murray, Tim Huley, Willard Wisby, John Albert, Bob Dyess and Roscoe Dean. Rev. Floyd E. Hughes is pastor.



Participants in the Hall of Fame Program.

## Pine Grove Promotes Hall Of Fame Bible Study

Pine Grove (Neshoba) set a plan up to promote attendance every Sunday for Bible Study during the summer, May 19 - August 18 (14 Sundays). The leadership set a suggested class goal for average attendance during this period. They set 140 average goal for the total Sunday School.

1. The Sunday School promoted outreach and set two high attendance days - July 14 (revival) and August 18.

2. Classes were recognized with highest attendance and people who invited the most, that attended, not already enrolled in Sunday School.

3. The church was informed every Sunday of classes with extra good attendance.

4. The general outreach leader kept the pastor up-to-date on the attendance of every person and every class.

5. The outreach leadership and the pastor supported the Sunday School director and his faculty with all the information and help possible.

6. People who attended every Sunday or if they were sick, attended a funeral, or Bible study in another church, were granted the privilege of entering the "Hall of Fame." May 18, 1974.

10. A member of the church built a "Covered Wagon Pattern" Hall of Fame for each one to enter to receive his cap. It was not nearly as elaborate as Moses' tabernacle but it stirred up enthusiasm and served a good purpose.

11. The Sunday School took advantage of available help from state headquarters of the Sunday School Department. "We are fortunate to have such an able staff of state workers to support our work throughout the state," states the Sunday School Director, Paul Killen.

Assistant director is James Walters and Rev. R. R. Newman is the pastor.

## Carey Alumni Invited To Nov. 13 Breakfast

A breakfast for William Carey College alumni attending the annual Mississippi Baptist Convention meeting November 12-14 has been planned, according to an announcement from the Office of Alumni Affairs on the Hattiesburg campus.

Doughnuts and coffee, compliments of the Alumni Association, will be served at 8 a.m. Wednesday morning, November 13, in the small dining room of First Church, Jackson.

"We have well over 100 active alumni of William Carey College involved in leadership roles in Mississippi Baptist churches," commented Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, director of Public Relations and Alumni Office. For preparation purposes the Alumni Office would like to know of those alumni planning to attend through mail or phone contact. However, all alumni are welcome and urged to attend.

## O'Brien Nominated For Top New Mexico Executive Post

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (BP)—Chester O'Brien, superintendent of missions for the Amarillo (Tex.) Baptist Association of Southern Baptist churches since 1967, will be nominated to succeed R. Y. Bradford as executive director of the New Mexico Baptist General Convention.

A search committee, after six months of meetings, voted unanimously to nominate O'Brien and will present his name for consideration at the annual meeting of the New Mexico Convention, Nov. 14. He will take office Jan. 1, 1975, if elected.

Bradford will retire Dec. 31, 1974.

## Paschall Chairs Committee On State Baptist Papers

LUBBOCK, Tex. (BP)—H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville, Tenn., will serve as chairman of a five-person committee on ministries of state Baptist news publications, according to Southern Baptist Convention President Jaroy Weber.

Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, appointed the committee at the request of messengers to the SBC last June in Dallas, who responded favorably to a motion that such a committee be named to "work with the editors of Southern Baptist Convention state papers in projecting circulation and underscoring the role and function of state papers in the life of the convention."

Thirty-three state Baptist news publications, with a combined circulation

of over 1.75 million, serve Southern Baptists in 33 state conventions which cover 50 states.

The committee, which will report to the 1975 convention in Miami Beach, is made up of Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, and former SBC president; Andrew W. Tampling, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham; Glen E. Braswell, executive secretary of the Colorado Baptist General Convention; Richard A. Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix (Ariz.) Baptist Church; and Julian Pentecost, editor of the Religious Herald, Richmond, Va. Pentecost made the motion approved by the SBC in Dallas.

Weber, as convention president, will serve as an ex officio member of the committee.

## Lebanon Gives Trophies For Lengthy Service

When Lebanon Association met in 81st annual session October 15 at Glendale, four pastors who have served in the association for a total of 127 years were awarded engraved trophies for their pastoral work. They were Rev. Q. C. Barrett, pastor for forty years; Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., 30 years; Rev. Garland McInnis, 30 years; and Rev. R. C. Woodham, 27 years.

J. D. Sims was given a trophy for 17 years as treasurer of the association.

Dr. and Mrs. Joel Dillard Ray, superintendent of missions for the association, were given a book of letters of appreciation and checks from 23 churches in the association, for their work of 15 years in the association.

## Revival Dates

Unity Church, Pascagoula: Nov. 10-15; Rev. Jim Trotter, Birmingham, Ala., evangelist; music by W. D. Creel, Moss Point, Melody Tones and the Testimonials; services 7 p.m.; Rev. Nolan Mapp, pastor.

New Garden Church, Rt. 3, Coldwater: November 17-22; services 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 17, High Attendance Sunday, Kickoff day for the revival, and Tithing Day; Rev. David V. Hampton, pastor of Tchulahoma Church, Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Wayne Holley, music director at Tchulahoma, Memphis, music evangelist; Rev. Ken Bradley, pastor.

Calvary, Meridian: Nov. 20 - 24; Dr. E. J. Daniels, evangelist; Rev. Byron McMullen, Prentiss, music evangelist; Features: Tom Lester (Eb of Green Acres) Sat. Night, Nov. 23; Fairchild Trio from Atlanta, Ga., each service; services 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. W. Otis Seal, pastor.

Temple, Jackson: November 10-13; Sunday at 11 a.m.; services each night at 7; "Old-Time Religion" revival; Rev. Barney Walker, Jackson's "Old-Time Evangelist," preaching; Spiritualaires Singers Quartet and other singing groups to be featured; Rev. Wayne Crenshaw, pastor; Nov. 10 to be Old-Fashioned Sunday with dinner on the grounds (serving old-fashioned dishes like chicken and dumplings, collard greens, black-eyed peas, cracklin' bread, potato custard, chess pies, and other favorites of the past). Antiques from the area will be on display and rewards are to be given for the "Best (Old-Fashioned) Dresser."

## Off The Record

"I don't understand why you call your car 'Flattery'."

"Well, I call it that because it gets me nowhere."

The hotel clerk was losing his patience and so was the gentleman trying to get a room. "Look, Mr. Smith," said the clerk. "I've told you a dozen times already we don't have any rooms. We're full!"

"If President Ford came in," Smith persisted, "you'd have a room for him, wouldn't you?"

"Why, of course," the clerk admitted readily.

"Then let me have his room," said Smith. "He's not coming."

A film producer said to a young author: "Well, in general your screenplay is not bad. However, certain dialogues should be clarified so that any idiot can understand them."

"Yes, sure," nodded the young man. "And what scenes did you find unclear?"

"What am I to do with this?" grumbled the motorist as the police clerk handed him a receipt for his traffic - fine payment.

"Keep it," the clerk advised. "When you get four of them, you get a bicycle."

Passerby: "I see you are putting up a new building."

Workman: "Yes, sir. That's the only kind we ever put up."

A little boy had been pawing over a stationer's stock of greeting cards for a long time when a clerk asked him, "Can I help you find what you're looking for, son? Birthday card? Get well card? Anniversary congratulations to your mother and dad?"

"Not exactly," said the little boy, shaking his head. Then wistfully, "You got anything in the line of blank report cards?"

A hiredman worked for the same farmer for over twenty-five years and had never been given a salary raise. Finally he went to the boss and said: "For over twenty-five years I've worked here and never asked for more pay."

Before he could finish, the farmer said: "You know, that's why you've been here all those twenty-five years."



Bethel Salutes Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens Day was observed at Bethel Church Bogus Chitto, on October 27, with 18 of the 22 senior citizen members of the church attending. Special recognition was given to Mrs. Florence Wallace who is 92 years old and the only living charter member of the church which was organized on October 10, 1908. After the morning service the non-senior citizens of the church honored them with a covered dish lunch.